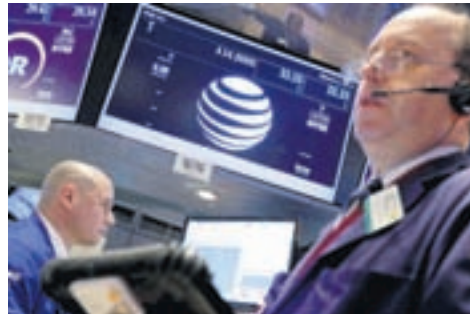




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Bridge to the Past

Writer Gay Talese looks out at the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., Feb. 25, 2015. Fifty years after the police viciously attacked hundreds of marchers in a pivotal moment of the civil rights movement, Selma defies neat story lines.

(Josh Haner/The New York Times)

Fifty Years On, Selma Defies Neat Story Lines

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In downtown Selma last week, as I retraced the route I had taken 50 years ago while following hundreds of civil rights marchers across the Edmund Pettus Bridge and onto a highway blocked by hostile white lawmen who would soon

create "Bloody Sunday," my attention was drawn to the vigorous activities of a middle-aged black man who was holding a shovel and digging holes in the dirt between the curb and sidewalk of Broad Street, which leads to the bridge. Then he began planting pansies, azalea bushes

and small juniper trees that he hauled from the back of a 1997 Ford truck parked nearby that belongs to Steavie's Landscape Design and Construction company. "I'm not Steavie," he said after I had watched him for a while, and finally approached with what he

might have assumed were troublesome questions. Security agents and other out-of-town suits had been wandering around the area in preparation for President Barack Obama's arrival this weekend for the Bridge Crossing Jubilee. But the landscaper probably decided that I was too

old to cause much trouble (I think of myself as a youthful 83); and so he relaxed, and, while leaning on his shovel and extending an ungloved hand, he said, "I'm Steavie's brother."

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He explained that he and a few of his friends were assisting Steavie in a city-sponsored endeavor to beautify Selma's downtown area.

"We only had eight days to do the job," he said, conceding that lining the sidewalks with flowers and bushes in a city of limited resources and many vacant storefronts was a lot to ask of Steavie's landscaping enterprise.

Steavie's brother was 59 and was born in Selma. As he spoke, he exhibited a broad smile that added length to the thin mustache on his upper lip.

sister, who was 15, was allowed to go. When the state troopers and Sheriff Jim Clark's posse began beating everybody up near the bridge, I didn't hear the noise because we lived back in the Carver projects across from Brown Chapel, where Dr. King had preached and the march had started out.

"But later, I heard my sister come running home, screaming because she'd been attacked by tear gas, and then all of Clark's posse came barging through our area hitting people with clubs, knocking down everybody they could reach. "I was watching from the second floor of where we

and then one of the posse men sees me and yells to another posse man, 'Hey, those nigger kids are shooting my horse with a BB gun.' 'Which one?' the other guy asks. 'Hell, I don't know. Them niggers all look alike.' "

From there, it's been a long journey that took Brown to Detroit, where he got a job working at a Chevrolet gear and axle plant until management decided that robots could do the job better, and then a longtime position as a unionized roofer. Now he's back in Selma. "I hope that the planting we did around here this week makes things seem a little more attrac-

to 1950, during my sophomore year as a journalism student at the University of Alabama. I was there as one of the reporters for The New York Times in 1965, covering Bloody Sunday and its aftermath, listening to angry whites spit racial epithets at the television at the Selma Country Club and hanging out with Clark at his apartment over the jail, where I counted out his 88 size 17/34 shirts.

I returned to Selma again in 1990 to report on the 25th anniversary of Bloody Sunday and the passage of the Voting Rights Act - complete with machine-blown smoke along the bridge to simulate the tear

Ricky Brown, none of us can quite escape.

Selma, perched on a high bluff on the north bank of the Alabama River, takes its name from Ossian's "The Song of Selma," which was said to be an 18th-century translation of an epic cycle of Scottish poems from the early Dark Ages but was in fact a lumpy stew of legend and folklore that came to be viewed instead as a literary fraud.

And Selma today is a place expected to carry perhaps more symbolic weight than any small city can bear. Without doubt, civil rights history - American history - was made here.

But I grew up in Ocean City,



Children at the George Washington Carver housing project, where Ricky Brown saw marchers and police officers clashing on Bloody Sunday in 1965, in Selma, Ala., Feb. 23, 2015.

(Josh Haner/The New York Times)

"I'm Ricky Brown," he finally said, as if ready to be candid. "When Bloody Sunday happened, I was 9.

My mother was too frightened to let me join the march, although my older

lived, and I had this BB gun and I'm shooting at the posse's horses. I think I got off nine shots, and hit lots of horses in the ass. I'm standing between two of my friends at the window while I'm shooting down,

tive to most Jubilee visitors like you," he said.

I agreed that the landscaping helped but told him that I was not really a Jubilee visitor.

I had been in Selma dozens of times, dating back

gas inhaled in 1965 by the demonstrators, and tape-recorded sounds of human suffering evoking the beatings by Clark and his fellow lawmen.

And I've come back again to a place it seems, like

New Jersey, a politically and socially conservative island resort founded during the 1800s by Methodist ministers.

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Although black students attended school with whites in my hometown, it was otherwise a largely segregated community. When I first became part of the University of Alabama's all-white campus in 1949, I saw nothing so different from what I had observed during my New Jersey boyhood. Selma's history defies neat story lines. In 1990, I attended the interracial wedding of a 38-year-old blue-eyed, blond woman named Betty Ramsey to a 51-year-old black Selma man named Randall Miller, who owns a thriving funeral service catering overwhelmingly to blacks. He also served at the time as Selma's director of personnel under the town's enduring white mayor, Joseph T. Smitherman, who held that title in 1965 and whose simple and sympathetic manner persuaded a number of black voters to help maintain him in office for 35 years.

Randall and Betty Miller live in a brick house with eight rooms and a spacious patio that is surrounded by four neatly trimmed acres of grassy land resembling the fairway of a golf course. He used to play golf regularly, but he no longer does because of the demands of his mortuary business, one of the few enterprises in a depressed economy that remain vibrant.

He is also one of the most socially mobile black men in Selma. He is on good terms with such local politicians as George P. Evans, the black mayor who replaced the black mayor who replaced Joe Smitherman, who died in 2005. He is friendly as well with such white establishment figures as the 82-year-old Joseph Knight, whose grandfather was Selma's mayor during the Civil War, and the president of the Selma and Dallas County Center for Commerce, Wayne Vardaman, who wishes the town knew how to improve its image, which seems now eternally tethered to the events of 1965.

"Memphis doesn't celebrate the shooting" of

the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., Vardaman said, "but Selma celebrates Bloody Sunday."

It's a common refrain in a place where people want to move forward but often don't know how. The current Dallas County sheriff, Harris Huffman, is a personable 61-year-old white officer with gray hair and a goatee. He worries that too many residents, white and black, remain stuck in the past. "I treat people the way I want to be treated," he said. But he added, "You've got some people in Selma who live in the 1960s, and you've got some that live in the 1860s." Even in 2015, it can be hard to tell what year we're in. The Selma Country Club, where I watched the members hiss at the television in 1965, still has no black members. Selma High School, about a third white during the 25th anniversary, is now all black and other students of color. There's a poster for the film "Selma" on display in the reception room outside the principal's office, but Selma's Walton Theater is closed.

It's hard to look at Selma and not wish for more. The population, 28,400 and roughly half black in 1960, is now just under 20,000 and 80 percent black. The unemployment rate is over 10 percent, almost double the state average. The backdrop for the Jubilee this year, with the dismantling of the Voting Rights Act after a 2013 U.S. Supreme Court ruling, in some ways could not be more bleak.

And still, life on the ground moves forward and backward in its own ways. The Millers look back in wonder on the world even 25 years ago, when Betty felt that neither white nor black women would accept her and Randall found himself thinking of Emmett Till, "whom they beat and took out an eye and threw in the Tallahatchie River because he had a reckless eyeball." Somehow, they've prospered nonetheless.

After our talk, we toured the patio and the grounds around their property. There was a photographer



Men pray at the beginning of a monthly meeting in Selma, Ala., Feb. 24, 2015.

(Josh Haner/The New York Times)

on hand, and he took a number of photographs that I hope to have printed and presented to them as a silver anniversary gift.

In a few of the photos, Randall had his arms around Betty and was gently kissing her. For a moment, he stopped to reflect.

"You know," he said, "if I was doing this to a white woman around here about 50 years ago, I might have been lynched." □

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CIA chief announces sweeping reorganization of US spy agency

KEN DILANIAN

AP Intelligence Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Director John Brennan has ordered a sweeping reorganization of the CIA, an overhaul designed to make its leaders more accountable and close espionage gaps amid widespread concerns about the U.S. spy agency's limited insights into a series of major global developments. Brennan announced the restructuring to the CIA workforce on Friday, including a new directorate devoted to boosting the CIA's computer hacking skills. He said the move comes after nine outside experts spent three months analyzing the agency's management structure, including what deputy CIA director David Cohen called "pain points," organizational areas where the CIA's bureaucracy does not work efficiently. Briefing reporters with Cohen at CIA headquarters



CIA Director John Brennan speaks during a news conference at CIA headquarters in Langley, Va. Brennan has ordered a sweeping reorganization of the spy agency, an overhaul designed to make its leaders more accountable, enhance the agency's cyber capabilities and shore up espionage gaps exacerbated by a decade of focus on counterterrorism.

(AP Photo/Pablo Martinez Monsivais)

this week, Brennan said the changes are necessary to address intelligence gaps that the CIA is not covering. He lamented that there is often no single person he can hold accountable for the spying mission in any given part of the world. "There are a lot of areas

that I would like to have better insight to, better information about, better access to," Brennan said. "Safe havens, denied areas. Whether because we don't even have a diplomatic presence in a country, or because there are parts of countries that have

been overrun and taken over by terrorist groups and others." The changes come against a backdrop of evidence that the CIA's focus on hunting and killing terrorists since the Sept. 11 attacks has led to an erosion of the espionage and analytic capabilities the agency built during the Cold War. The CIA, along with other U.S. intelligence agencies, wrongly assessed the presence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq in 2002 and failed to anticipate the rapid collapse of Middle East governments during the Arab Spring in 2011, among other shortcomings. The agency's greatest public success of recent years — the 10-year effort to locate and kill Osama bin Laden in 2011 — may have taken longer than it should have, according to evidence made public in the recent Senate report on CIA interrogations. Internal CIA surveys have cited

bad management and bureaucratic frustration as factors in driving talent away from the agency. Under Brennan's reorganization, the CIA would break down the wall between the operations and analytical arms, a system that typically has required the case officers who recruit spies and run covert operations to work for different bosses, in different offices, than analysts who interpret the intelligence and write briefing papers for the president and other policymakers. The new plan would blend practitioners of those separate disciplines into 10 centers devoted to various subjects or areas of the world. There are a handful of such centers at the moment, including the Counter Terrorism Center, where analysts and operators have worked side by side for the last decade targeting al-Qaida with espionage and drone strikes. □



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Ferguson police chief stays on the job after federal report



Ferguson Police Chief Thomas Jackson speaks in Ferguson, Mo. On Friday, March 6, 2015, Jackson is still on the job, two days after a government report criticized his department for years of racial profiling. (AP Photo/Jeff Roberson)

JIM SALTER
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Ferguson Police Chief Tom Jackson was still on the job Friday, two days after a government report blasted his beleaguered department for years of racial profiling, and the mayor refused

to speculate about the chief's future. Meanwhile, three Ferguson employees implicated in racist emails exposed by that report are now gone from their jobs, the mayor said. One was identified as a city court clerk. Calls for Jackson's removal

were renewed again this week after the Justice Department cleared Darren Wilson, the white former Ferguson officer who shot Michael Brown, of federal civil rights charges in the death of the 18-year-old, who was black and unarmed.

A second report released simultaneously found patterns of racial profiling, bigotry and profit-driven law enforcement and court practices in the St. Louis suburb that has come to represent the tension between minorities and American police nationwide.

Attorney General Eric Holder told reporters Friday that the federal government will "use all the power that we have to change the situation" in Ferguson, including possibly dismantling the police force.

"If that's what's necessary, we're prepared to do that," Holder said while accompanying President Barack Obama on a trip to South Carolina.

Asked about Jackson in an interview with The Associated Press, Mayor James Knowles III said only, "He's still the chief."

Jackson did not respond to interview requests on Friday but has repeatedly

said he would not step down.

Ferguson city leaders will meet with Justice Department officials in about two weeks and provide a plan for improving the police force and the municipal court system, Knowles said. The report uncovered racist emails from several city employees, including some that belittled black residents or President Barack Obama. Knowles said three employees responsible for the emails ended their employment with the city on Thursday.

The Justice Department report on the police department found that black drivers were more than twice as likely as others to be searched during routine traffic stops. Minority residents bear the burden of fines and court costs expected to generate \$3 million this fiscal year. Black residents were more likely to face excessive force from police, often during unwarranted stops. □

Obama: Ferguson report exposed racially biased system

NEDRA PICKLER
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, South Carolina (AP) — The police situation in Ferguson, Missouri, was "oppressive and abusive," President Barack Obama said Friday, as he prepared to commemorate a half-century since the historic civil rights marches in Selma, Alabama. In his most expansive comments yet about the Justice Department's report on racial bias in Ferguson, Obama said it was striking that investigators merely had to look at email sent by police officials to find evidence of bias. He said

the City of Ferguson now must make a decision about how to move forward. "Are they going to enter into some sort of agreement with the Justice Department to fix what is clearly a broken and racially biased system?" Obama said. Ferguson city leaders are to meet with Justice Department officials in about two weeks to put forth an improvement plan. Although Obama said he didn't think what happened in Ferguson was typical of the rest of the country, he added that it wasn't an isolated

incident, either. He called for communities to work together to address tensions between police and communities without succumbing to cynical attitudes that say "this is never going to change, because everybody's racist." "That's not a good solution," Obama said. "That's not what the folks in Selma did." Obama's comments at South Carolina's Benedict College came the day before he travels to Alabama for this weekend's 50th anniversary of the civil rights marches and

"Bloody Sunday." Obama said the commemoration is as much about stirring young people to change as about honoring yesterday's legends, calling the push for "a fair and more just criminal justice system" part of the modern struggle. Obama is leading Saturday's tribute in Selma, where 50 years ago police beat scores of people who were marching from Selma to Montgomery, the state capital, to protest their lack of voting rights. The violent images broadcast on national television helped lead to passage

of the Voting Rights Act of 1965. "Selma is not just about commemorating the past, it's about honoring the legends who helped change this country through your actions today, in the here and now," Obama said at a town hall meeting. "Selma is now." Obama told students at the college that Selma was possible because of the young people who decided to act. He noted that one of the most famous leaders of the Selma march — now Georgia Rep. John Lewis — was just 23 years old at the time. □

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AP Source: Federal charges expected in Menendez case

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Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Bob Menendez, under federal investigation for his relationship with a Florida doctor and political donor, is expected to face criminal charges in the coming weeks, a person familiar with the matter said Friday. Menendez, who served for more than a decade in the House of Representatives before his election to the Senate in 2006, is the top Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. He has been critical of the Obama administration's negotiations with Iran on its nuclear program and outspoken in opposition to normalizing relations with Cuba.

The disclosure came as Menendez said he will answer questions from reporters in his home state after his office issued a statement saying all of his ac-

tions have been appropriate and lawful.

The person who disclosed the expected filing of charges did so on condition of anonymity because it is a pending investigation.

The Justice Department's decision to move forward with a criminal case was first reported by CNN.

Attorney General Eric Holder declined to say Friday if he has authorized criminal charges against the senator.

Menendez has been under a corruption investigation in a long-running probe stemming from his relationship with Dr. Salomon Melgen, a Florida ophthalmologist as well as a friend and political donor.

Menendez's spokeswoman, Tricia Enright, earlier issued a statement saying "any actions taken by Senator Menendez or his office have been to appropri-



Sen. Robert Menendez (D-N.J.) on Capitol Hill. The Justice Department expects to file corruption charges against Menendez, a law enforcement official said Friday, March 6, 2015, culminating an investigation that has dogged the senator for two years.

(Gabiella Demczuk/ The New York Times)

ately address public policy issues and not for any other reason."

Questions about Menen-

dez's ties to Melgen have dogged the senator for more than two years.

He has faced questions

about trips he took to the Dominican Republic aboard Melgen's private plane. □

Democrats decry Republican subpoena of Clinton's emails



In this 2012 photo, then-Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton speaks at the State Department in Washington. Democrats on the House committee investigating the deadly 2012 Benghazi attacks are demanding that the panel's Republican chairman withdraw a subpoena for Hillary Rodham Clinton's personal emails and schedule a hearing for Clinton to testify immediately.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

MATTHEW DALY

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats on the House committee investigating the deadly 2012 Benghazi attacks are demanding that

the panel's Republican chairman withdraw a subpoena for Hillary Rodham Clinton's personal emails and schedule a hearing for Clinton to testify immediately.

The 12-member panel is investigating the September 2012 attacks, which killed U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens and three other Americans. Clinton, the leading contender for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2016, was secretary of state at the time.

Democrats said in a letter Friday that the subpoena shows the panel, led by Rep. Trey Gowdy, a Republican, has taken a "very partisan and political turn." Democrats urged Gowdy to immediately publish Clinton's emails in their entirety to "help clear up any misperceptions." They said the committee should return to investigating the Benghazi attacks instead of being "a surrogate for the Republican National

Committee."

Democrats said Gowdy appeared to be targeting Clinton "for political reasons" rather than to clarify remaining questions about the attacks.

The letter is signed by all five Democrats who serve on the Benghazi panel, including Rep. Elijah Cummings, the committee's top Democrat.

Committee Republicans said Wednesday they had subpoenaed Clinton's personal emails pertinent to its probe. The panel said it also has issued a subpoena to the State Department for all other individuals who have relevant information. The House panel's announcement about the subpoenas came after it was disclosed that as the nation's top diplomat, Clin-

ton relied on a personal email account rather than one operated by the government.

Gowdy spokesman Jamal Ware said Friday that the committee was moving forward with the subpoena.

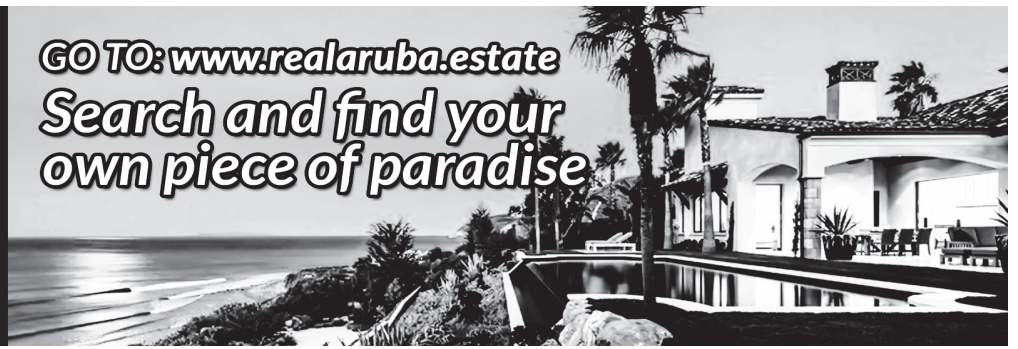
Gowdy will not release the emails "because doing so would imply we have all the emails," Ware said. "Because of the use of personal emails and servers, the committee may not know that we have a complete record for some time." Ware said the State Department did not notify the committee until Feb. 27 that it did not have custody or control of Clinton's emails "because of her exclusive use of personal email for the conduct of official State business." □

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

A burst of hiring in February underscored the resilience and confidence of U.S. businesses, which are adding workers at the fastest pace in 17 years. Yet the strong job gains did little to raise wages last month.

U.S. employers added 295,000 jobs, the 12th straight monthly gain above 200,000, the government said Friday. And the unemployment rate fell to 5.5 percent from 5.7 percent. But the rate declined mainly because some people out of work stopped looking for jobs and were no longer counted as unemployed.

The average hourly wage rose just 3 cents to \$24.78 an hour. Average hourly pay has now risen just 2 percent over the past 12 months, barely ahead of inflation. Still, over that time, 3.3 million more Americans have gotten jobs. More jobs and lower gas prices have led many consumers to step up spending. That's boosting the economy, offsetting sluggish growth



U.S. Marine Corps Veteran Arlington Robertson, of Fort Lauderdale, left, hands his resume to an Internal Revenue Service Special Agent, at the annual Veterans Career and Resource Fair in Miami. The Labor Department released employment data for February on Friday, March 6, 2015. (AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

overseas and giving employers the confidence to hire.

Most analysts have forecast that the economy will grow about 3 percent this year, supporting about 250,000 job gains a month. Those increases should raise pay this year, they say.

Friday's figures provide "more evidence that the

labor market is recovering rapidly, with employment growth more than strong enough to keep the unemployment rate trending down," said Jim O'Sullivan, chief U.S. economist at High Frequency Economics. Falling unemployment "makes more acceleration in wages increasingly likely."

At 5.5 percent, the unem-

ployment rate has now reached the top of the range the Federal Reserve has said is consistent with a healthy economy. That could make it more likely that the Fed will raise interest rates from record lows as early as June. "This is quite a symbolic change that increases the pressure on the Fed to hike rates

in June," said Paul Dales, an economist at Capital Economics said. Indeed, after the jobs report was released Friday, investors sold ultra-safe U.S. Treasuries, a sign that many anticipate a Fed rate hike. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.24 percent from 2.11 percent before the report was issued. Investors also sold stocks. The Dow Jones industrial average plummeted 261 points in morning trading. Yet the Fed's decision is complicated by many factors. The 5.5 percent unemployment rate doesn't reflect as healthy a job market as it typically has in the past. One reason the rate has fallen so low is that many people have stopped looking for work. The proportion of Americans who either have a job or are seeking one dipped one-tenth of 1 percentage point in February to 62.8 percent. That's close to the lowest level in 37 years. Economists calculate that about half that decline reflects the aging of the population as the baby boom generation increasingly retires. □

Americans increased borrowing in January by \$11.6 billion

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) —

Consumers increased their borrowing in January at the slowest pace in more than a year with borrowing on credit cards actually declining for the second time in the last three months.

The Federal Reserve reported Friday that consumer borrowing expanded \$11.6 billion in January following a \$17.9 billion gain in December. It was the smallest monthly increase since bor-

rowing rose by \$8.3 billion in November 2013.

Even though the January increase was more modest than the gains over the past year, it still pushed total borrowing to a fresh record of \$3.33 trillion, an increase of 6.9 percent over the past year. Borrowing in the category that includes credit cards actually declined by \$1.16 billion in January following a \$6.2 billion increase in December and a decrease of \$537 million in November.

Borrowing in the category that covers auto loans and student loans rose \$12.7 billion in January after a gain of \$11.7 billion in December. During the past year, borrowing in the category of auto and student loans has risen 8.3 percent while borrowing in the credit card category has risen a much slower 3.2 percent. The auto and student loan category has been growing faster than credit card debt since the Great Recession of 2007-2009.

That reflects in part the fact that many workers who lost jobs during the downturn decided to take out loans to go back to school and some students opted to stay in school longer because jobs were scarce. The slowdown in credit card use could reflect greater caution among consumers about taking on debt to finance consumer spending. But economists are hoping that with job growth strengthening so much over the past year,

consumers may step up their use of credit cards to finance purchases. That would give a boost to consumer spending and the overall economy. The government said in a separate report Friday that U.S. employers added 295,000 jobs in February, the 12th straight monthly gain above 200,000. The Fed's monthly report on consumer credit does not cover mortgages, home equity loans or other types of loans secured by real estate. □

Palestinian assailant wounds 5 Israelis in car attack

DANIEL ESTRIN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian rammed his car into a group of Israeli pedestrians near a border police station in east Jerusalem on Friday, injuring four officers and a bystander, police said. He then lunged at security guards with a knife before being shot and wounded. Police spokeswoman Luba Samri described the incident as a "terror attack." Police identified the attacker as Mohammed Salameh, a 22-year-old Palestinian from east Jerusalem. A woman that Israeli Channel 2 TV identified as Salameh's mother justified the attack, saying it was "natural" that a young person would carry out such an attack because of tensions in Jerusalem. The attack took place at the same intersection where a Palestinian man rammed his car into a crowded train platform in November and then attacked people with an iron bar, killing one person and injuring 13. Police say it is difficult to

prevent such attacks, which appear to be carried out by "lone wolf" assailants not linked to militant groups. "The swift and determined response stopped the attack as it was beginning and prevented more innocents from being injured," said Moshe Edri, a regional police commander. Israel's paramilitary border police patrols the area between predominantly Jewish west Jerusalem and the predominantly Arab east Jerusalem. Police immediately cordoned off the area of the attack, and ultra-Orthodox Jewish onlookers gathered at the scene. The front of the car was smashed and the windshield was cracked. Israeli television showed footage of the wounded attacker lying on the ground before being taken to hospital. The attack came as Israelis celebrated the carnival-like Jewish holiday of Purim. Police stepped up security throughout the city, and Jerusalem mayor Nir Barkat said celebrations would carry on as usual.



Israeli police stand next to a car at the scene of an of an apparent attack in Jerusalem, Friday, March 6, 2015. Israeli police say a suspected Palestinian motorist has rammed his car into five people near a Jerusalem police station, injuring five, before he was shot and wounded by a security guard. (AP Photo/Sebastian Scheiner)

Friday's attack mirrored a spate of similar assaults on Israelis involving cars late last year, in the same part of Jerusalem. The attacks were linked to tensions over the city's most sensitive holy site, revered by Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and by Jews as the Temple Mount. In late October, a Palestinian from east Jerusalem who had served prison

time for militant activities slammed his car into a train platform, killing a baby girl and a young woman from Ecuador. The attack on the train platform in which the assailant wielded an iron bar came two weeks later. Two weeks after that, two Palestinian cousins attacked a Jerusalem synagogue with meat cleavers, knives and a handgun, killing five people in the

deadliest assault in the holy city since 2008. In all of those attacks, police shot the attackers dead. Last week the mayor of Jerusalem and his bodyguard leapt from his car and apprehended an 18-year-old Palestinian after he stabbed an Israeli near City Hall, according to a statement from the mayor. □

EU chief speaks out against arms for Kiev

RAF CASERT
Associated Press

RIGA, Latvia (AP) — The European Union's foreign policy chief on Friday came out against a bipartisan call in the United States to provide lethal, defensive weapons to Ukraine in its fight against Russian-backed separatists. House Speaker John Boehner and a group of top Democrats and Republicans wrote to President Obama calling for deliveries but so far have found few backers in the 28-nation EU. Federica Mogherini said Friday that "the European Union is doing enough" and insisted that the implementation of the peace deal brokered in Minsk last month "is the way to go forward." To boost the implementation of the Minsk agreement, the EU is now looking at doubling the number of

observers from the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe from the current ceiling of 500. So far however, the OSCE has been struggling to even fill those spots. "The main point is obviously working to increase the number of selected and skilled people that can do the job," Mogherini said. The more observers the tougher it would become to violate the conditions of the Minsk agreement with impunity. German Chancellor Angela Merkel has been particularly outspoken against pouring more firepower into the conflict in eastern Ukraine, where the West has accused Moscow of throwing in military manpower and equipment. On Friday, Austrian Foreign Minister Sebastian Kurz said arms deliveries "would only stoke the fire." "Our goal must be a

ceasefire, not an escalation," Kurz said. All EU ministers agreed though that if the Minsk agreement would be violated in a major way, more sanctions would be on the way. So far, the EU has imposed selected economic sanctions and asset freezes and visa bans. "If there is a serious deterioration in the situation in eastern Ukraine and the Minsk agreements are going to be violated, then of course, the EU is prepared to take further sanctions," said Latvian Foreign Minister Edgars Rinkevics, the host of the EU meeting. The U.S. lawmakers insisted the so-called Minsk agreements have only consolidated Russian and separatists' gains, and urged quick approval of additional efforts to support Ukraine. They said the EU was far too slow and meek in its reaction to the crisis. □



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Outrage: Extremists take ancient statues, damage Iraqi site



In this 2009 photo, a journalist looks at Assyrian statues at Iraq's national museum, in Baghdad. Islamic State militants "bulldozed" the renowned archaeological site of the ancient city of Nimrud in northern Iraq this week using heavy military vehicles, the government said. The city, which was destroyed in 612 B.C., is located on the Tigris River just south of Iraq's second largest city, Mosul, which was captured by the Islamic State group in June. (AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris)

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — Islamic State extremists trucked away statues as they damaged the irreplaceable remains of an ancient Assyrian capital, a local resident and a top UN official told The Associated Press Friday.

Nimrud, a nearly 3,000-year-old city in present-day Iraq, included monumental statues of winged bulls, bearded horsemen and other winged figures, all symbols of an ancient Mesopotamian empire in the cradle of Western civilization.

The discovery that extremists removed some statues before using heavy equipment to destroy much of the site Thursday was cold comfort as outrage spread over the extremists' latest effort to erase history.

United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon considers the destruction a war crime, his spokesman said in a statement.

Iraq's most revered Shiite cleric, the Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, said in his Friday sermon that the extremists are savaging Iraq, "not only in the present but

also to its history and ancient civilizations."

"I'm shocked and speechless," said Zeid Abdullah, who lives in nearby Mosul and studied at the city's Fine Arts Institute until the extremists shut that down. "Only people with a criminal and barbaric mind can act this way and destroy an art masterpiece that is thousands of years old."

A farmer from a nearby village told the AP Friday that militants began carrying tablets and artifacts away from the site two days before the attack, which began Thursday afternoon. The militants told the villagers that the artifacts are idols forbidden by Islam and must be destroyed, the farmer said, speaking anonymously for fear of reprisals.

But the group also is known to have sold off looted antiquities as a source of revenue.

Some statues were "put on big trucks, and we don't know where they are, possibly for illicit trafficking," UNESCO Director General Irina Bokova said.

UN officials have seen images of destroyed Assyrian symbols including statues

with the head of a man, the torso of a lion and wings of an eagle. These symbols were referred to in the Bible and other sacred texts, she said.

"All of this is an appalling and tragic act of human destruction," she said.

UN officials were studying satellite imagery of the destruction, since it remains too dangerous to approach the site, she said.

These violent Sunni extremists have been campaigning to purge ancient relics they say promote idolatry that violates their interpretation of Islamic law. A video they released last week shows them smashing artifacts in the Mosul museum and in January, the group burned hundreds of books from the Mosul library and Mosul University, including

many rare manuscripts. Many fear Hatra, another nearby ancient site could be next.

Iraqi authorities were still trying to assess Friday exactly how badly the ancient site was damaged Thursday.

"The destruction of Nimrud is a big loss to Iraq's history," Qais Mohammed Rasheed, the deputy tourism and antiquities minister, told The Associated Press on Friday. "The loss is irreplaceable."

UNESCO previously warned that the group was selling ancient artifacts on the black market for profit. Rasheed said authorities have not ruled out the possibility that the militants could try to sell these, too.

Bokova already wrote the International Criminal

Court about a possible war crimes prosecution, and plans to alert INTERPOL, major museums, auction houses and Middle East governments to recover any trafficked artifacts.

"Somebody is going to buy these," said Iraq's U.N. Ambassador, Mohamed Alhakim.

Nimrud, also known as Kalhu, was the 9th century B.C., capital of Assyria, an ancient kingdom that swept over much of present-day Iraq and the Levant. The site spans 3.3 square kilometers on the Tigris River, and boasted the remains of temples, palaces and a ziggurat pyramid as well as the huge statues. Many artifacts from Nimrud were moved to museums in Mosul, Baghdad, London and Paris. □



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UNASUR urges help for getting food aid to Venezuela

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Associated Press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— An association of South American countries on Friday urged the region to help Venezuela keep basic goods on the shelves.

The 12-nation UNASUR group called on every country in Latin America to do what they can to ensure Venezuelans have access to staples after a delegation met with President Nicolas Maduro. Secretary General Ernesto Samper said UNASUR would create a special commission to strengthen distribution chains.

Pantry and cleaning basics like dish soap, detergent, milk and cooking oil, chronically in short supply in recent years, have become even harder to find in the

socialist-governed country since the year started.

The meeting between South American foreign ministers and Venezuelan officials in Caracas had been expected to address the more abstract problems of rising tension between the administration and the opposition. Maduro recently accused opposition leaders of conspiring with the U.S. to bomb the presidential palace, while government critics are furious about the case of a 14-year-old boy killed by police during an anti-government protest. Emotions had already been running high amid rising violence and crippling economic problems, with both sides focused on legislative elections slated for the end of the year.

The opposition expressed



Secretary General of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR) Ernesto Samper speaks after an UNASUR meeting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, March 6, 2015. Samper is flanked by Brazil's Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira, from left, Colombia's Foreign Minister Maria Angela Holguin, Venezuela's Minister of Foreign Affairs Delcy Rodriguez and Ecuador's Foreign Minister's Ricardo Patino.

(AP Photo/Ariana Cubillos)

skepticism about the UNASUR visit, while Maduro welcomed it. State-sponsored media portrayed the visit as a fact-finding mission to investigate the opposition's purported coup plot. More than 30 local and international non-govern-

mental groups signed on to a letter to UNASUR urging it to help ensure respect for human rights in Venezuela. Among other things, the letter calls for revision of a policy that allows for the use of deadly force to control protests. □

Paraguayan journalist shot to death near Brazil border

**PEDRO SERVIN
Associated Press**

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)

— A Paraguayan radio journalist has been shot to death in a Brazilian city bordering a crime-ridden area that is a hotbed for drugs and arms smuggling, officials said on Friday.

Gerardo Servian worked for a local radio station near the city of Pedro Juan Caballero. The 45-year-old was killed Thursday in the Brazilian city of Ponta Pora when he was shot nine times on a street by unidentified gunmen who escaped in a motorcycle,

said police chief Walter Vazquez.

The victim's brother Francisco said Servian had never received death threats, and that he had recently moved to Ponta Pora because his daughters attend a school in the Brazilian city. But "in this area of the country it's normal to silence journalists with gunshots," added the brother, who is also a journalist.

Four other journalists have been killed since the start of last year while working along the porous and crime-ridden northern border with Brazil. □



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'Eurabia' fears rise after terror strikes: Myth or reality?

FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

BERLIN (AP) — The headlines would suggest Europe is under siege: Thousands of Germans march against the continent's "Islamization." French readers flock to read a novel about a Muslim president who imposes Sharia law on their country. Commentators warn darkly about an encroaching age of "Eurabia" in the wake of the Paris terror attacks.

But is Europe actually heading toward Islamization? Research shows that Europe's Islamic population has indeed risen sharply over the last two decades, and continues to grow. But the numbers fall far short of any possibility of Europe becoming predominantly Muslim. And there are little signs that Islamic culture is spreading beyond the boundaries of Muslim communities — let alone becoming dominant in Europe.

The Pew Forum published research in 2011 predicting that Europe's Muslim population will almost double to nearly 57 million by 2030, from just under 30 million in 1990. That may seem like a lot, but it still means that Europe's Muslim population would only increase from 4.1 percent to 7.8 percent, according to the Pew paper. Moreover, the Pew report says that the period of greatest growth in Islamic populations is already past. "As Muslims become more integrated, they tend to have fewer children," said Brian J. Grim, president of the Religious Freedom & Business Foundation, who worked on the Pew report. "Based on the demographic data, Europe cannot be Islamized, if by that is meant demographic dominance."

If population trends don't point toward Islamization, could there be a cultural change with the same result? In London, Paris, Berlin and other major European cities, anti-Muslim sentiment is frequently directed against the growth of mosques, halal butchers and Islamic dress in the streets — with many seeing them as infringements on European norms.

about homegrown Islamic youths traveling to Syria to wage jihad with Islamic State has tended to put the entire Muslim community under a pall of suspicion. Meanwhile, the attack in Paris on a Jewish supermarket following the murder spree against cartoonists at the satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo has caused many Jews to consider fleeing Europe and moving to Israel.

Mainstream conservative politicians, too, have responded angrily to news reports of Muslims refusing to assimilate. Often, they center on Muslim parents who refuse to let daughters take part in co-ed swimming lessons, or Muslim students insisting that a prayer room be available at a university that already has a chapel. Cases such as that of Germany's "Shariah Police" go

and the group has since disappeared from public sight.

Isolated, and ultimately unsuccessful cases such as the Shariah Police appear to be the exception that underscores a general rule: Muslim customs such as wearing a headscarf or praying at the mosque are not entering the European mainstream. In fact, many Muslims in Europe don't even adhere to them.

Europe does have hardcore Islamist groups such as Islam4UK in Britain or Sharia4Holland, which have campaigned for an Islamic future for Europe. And among the thousands of Europeans who have traveled to Syria and Iraq to join Islamic extremist groups there have been those who believe they will eventually fight a holy war to conquer Europe. But they are a vanishingly small minority of Europe's diverse and overwhelmingly secular Muslim population.

"Most Muslims don't go to mosques and even those who do aren't all extremists," said Aiman Mazyek, chairman of Germany's Central Council of Muslims. "Unfortunately, Muslims are quickly put under general suspicion whenever there is some kind of attack."

Samuel Behloul — an academic who spent 12 years at the University of Lucerne studying Muslim migration to Switzerland — says the idea of Islamization is largely the result of a change in the immigration debate since the 9/11 terror attacks in the United States. Previously, Muslims hadn't been widely perceived as a distinct group of immigrants, but rather by their countries of origin — Turks in Germany, Algerians in France and Pakistanis in Britain, for example. □



More than 1,000 people form a "ring of peace" around the Norwegian capital's synagogue, an initiative taken by young Muslims in Norway after a series of attacks against Jews in Europe, in Oslo. Research shows that Europe's Islamic population has indeed risen sharply over the last two decades, and continues to grow. But the numbers fall far short of any possibility of Europe becoming predominantly Muslim.

(AP Photo /Hakon Mosvold Larsen)

Following major Islamist terror attacks in London and Paris, anxieties are soaring in Europe about the rapid growth of a culture that, its critics say, simply refuses to adopt the values of the host country. Ordinary people across Europe are increasingly wary of the insular-looking Islamic communities that have cropped up in major European cities, and feel that its members are hostile to the European mainstream.

A stream of news stories

Kathrin Oertel, one of the founders of the group Patriotic Europeans against the Islamization of the West, or PEGIDA, and one of the key figures behind the rallies in the German state of Saxony, says Muslims are eroding German cultural identity.

"In Europe, there are some countries where Islamization has gone so far that it affects the culture and life there," said Oertel, who has since left PEGIDA to form her own group.

further.

Last September, about a dozen Muslim men donned high-visibility vests and patrolled the streets of Wuppertal, Germany, handing out leaflets declaring the area to be a "Shariah-controlled zone" where alcohol, music and pornography were banned. Their behavior prompted a sharp outcry in the German media. But there was no evidence that it had broad support among Wuppertal's Muslim population —

Bank of Greece: need progress in creditor talks

ELENA BECATOROS

Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — The meeting of the eurozone's 19 finance ministers next week is very important for financially stricken Greece, the country's central bank governor said Friday. The meeting, known as the eurogroup, is to be held in Brussels on Monday to discuss how much progress Greece has made since it sent the ministers a list of reforms late last month to win a four-month extension of the European part of its international bailout.

"It is very important for the next eurogroup to be successful, and we're all working in that direction," Bank of Greece Governor Yanis Stournaras said after a meeting with Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras and finance officials.

Greece is quickly running out of cash and has to repay debts this month to the International Monetary Fund — which co-funded Greece's 240 billion euro bailout — as well having as treasury bills coming due. Stournaras stressed there was "full support for the Greek banks, there's absolutely no danger. The banks are both adequately capitalized and their liquidity is ensured, so there is no problem with bank deposits."

Before Greece got its loans extension, there were reports that savers were pulling money out of the Greek banks in droves.

Under the four-month bail-

out extension Greece was given on Feb. 20, the country has until April to come up with specific budgetary measures that have to be agreed on with those overseeing the reforms — the IMF, ECB and European Commission. Only once they are complete and the

agreement with the three institutions on its reform plans.

"The institutions will look at all these measures. Then they will come to an agreement with the Greek authorities. Then you agree on prior actions, and when the prior actions have

nical discussions had not yet begun.

However, Germany — the single largest contributor to Greece's bailout and one of the countries that have taken a hard line — indicated an early release of funds was unlikely.

Asked whether remaining



An elderly man sifts through garbage in central Athens. Greece is struggling to emerge from a six-year recession and renegotiate its bailout deal with lenders, after gaining a four-month agreement extension through June.

(AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris)

three institutions sign off on Greece's reforms can the country receive the final outstanding 7.5 billion euro loan installment from its bailout program.

But it is unclear how the country will manage until then.

A senior EU official in Brussels said Greece could get access to early funds if it reaches a comprehensive

been fulfilled then comes the disbursement," said the official, who works with the eurogroup but is not permitted to speak publicly.

The official said it was "theoretically possible" for some reforms to be rapidly fulfilled and therefore to have the final loan issued in installments. But he noted this was still "a long way away" because tech-

loans of the bailout could be subdivided or somehow brought forward, Finance Ministry spokesman Martin Jaeger said that had happened in the past "but in this case we don't see it." He indicated the payment of the final installment of loans would require Greece to get approval on its current program of reforms. □

Philippines:

Higher food prices, typhoon worsening poverty

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

— Poverty worsened in the Philippines in the first half of 2014 due to government restrictions on rice imports and the lingering effects of a killer typhoon, an official said Friday.

Socio-economic Planning Secretary Arsenio Balisacan said poverty incidence among Filipinos rose 1.2 percentage points to 25.8 percent in the first half of last year from the same

period in 2013.

Higher food prices, particularly of the staple rice, and effects of Typhoon Haiyan that devastated the central Philippines in 2013, wiped out gains in per capita income, he said.

Balisacan said the increase in poverty could have been avoided by better management of food supplies nationally, particularly rice which accounts for 20 percent of the budget of

low income families.

He called for a review of the government's rice self-sufficiency policy which involves restricting rice imports to encourage domestic production.

"Just at the time when the world price of rice was declining, the domestic price of rice was skyrocketing," said Balisacan.

Philippine rice prices rose 11.9 percent in the first half of 2014 as supplies tight-

ened due to lean harvests and lower imports.

Poverty worsened despite 6.1 percent economic growth last year that was the second fastest in Asia after China.

Balisacan said data in 2014 showed the government's income redistribution program and policies to attract investment benefited the poor, but the higher inflation eroded incomes. □

BP signs \$12B deal to develop Egypt gas field

CAIRO (AP) — The U.K.-based energy company BP on Friday announced agreements worth \$12 billion to develop a major gas field in Egypt, which has been trying to attract foreign investment after four years of unrest.

BP said in a statement that the investment is "a vote of confidence in Egypt's investment climate."

The West Nile Delta project aims to produce 5 trillion cubic feet of gas and 55 million barrels of condensate. Production is expected to begin in 2017 and reach up to 1.2 billion cubic feet a day, or about 25 percent of Egypt's current production.

BP Group Chief Executive Bob Dudley says the project is his company's "largest foreign direct investment in Egypt."

The announcement comes days ahead of a major economic conference aimed at boosting foreign investment in the country, which is still reeling from years of unrest following the 2011 uprising that toppled longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

On Thursday, Egypt's Investment Minister Ashraf Salman said the government hopes to attract up to \$35 billion for about 50 projects at the conference.

Egypt has already attracted some \$1.3 billion in foreign investment in the first quarter of the fiscal year, Salman said. He said the government hopes to reach \$8 billion by the end of the fiscal year in June, nearly double the amount from the previous year.

BP's North Africa Regional President Hesham Mekawi described the gas project as "a critical milestone in the Egyptian oil and gas history. It marks the start of a major national project to add significant production to the domestic market."

Rising consumption has outstripped Egypt's domestic production, and over the past year Egyptians have endured prolonged power outages. □



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PALM BEACH - Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of loyal and friendly visitors of Aruba at the Divi Phoenix Beach Resort as Distinguished Visitors. The symbolic honorary title is presented in the name of the Minister of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guests who visit Aruba for 10-to-19 consecutive years. The honorees were Mr. Bob and Mrs. Patti Moreno of Waterbury, Connecticut, Mr. James and Mrs. Jeanne Miller of Little River, South Carolina, and Mrs. Peg Kizak from Apex, North Carolina. All of the honorees are loyal members of the Divi Phoenix Beach Resort and they love Aruba very much because of the friendly people, the weather, the beaches, the restaurants and the casinos. Aruba feels like a second home and the people at the Divi Phoenix Beach Resort are like a family to them.



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Hard Rock Café Aruba shared a fun filled evening with the Concierge Staff of the Ritz Carlton Resort



PALM BEACH - Hard Rock Café Aruba had the pleasure of sharing a fun filled evening with the Concierge Staff of the Ritz Carlton Resort. Last week the young ladies and gentleman of the prestigious Ritz Carlton Re-

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admired all the original famous pre-owned outfits and music instruments of stars like Madonna, Shakira, Kiss, Jimmy Buffet, the Rolling Stones etc, all carefully protected hanging against the walls of the restaurant. The team enjoyed famous



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**Facebook exec,
NBA team up to
get men to 'lean
in' for women**

MICHAEL LIEDTKE

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Facebook executive Sheryl Sandberg has enlisted NBA stars LeBron James, Stephen Curry and some of the basketball league's other top players to convince more men to join the fight for women's rights at home and at work.

The players will deliver the message in public service announcements aired during NBA games on major TV networks over the next few months.

Sandberg is hoping to persuade men that they will be better off financially and emotionally if they take more responsibility for housework and child care, while also backing equal rights for women at work.

"Gender equality doesn't just benefit women, it benefits men in lots of ways," Sandberg said in an interview with The Associated Press. Among other things, she believes most women are likely to have sex with their husbands or partners more frequently when they get more help at home — a phenomenon she has branded as "choreplay."

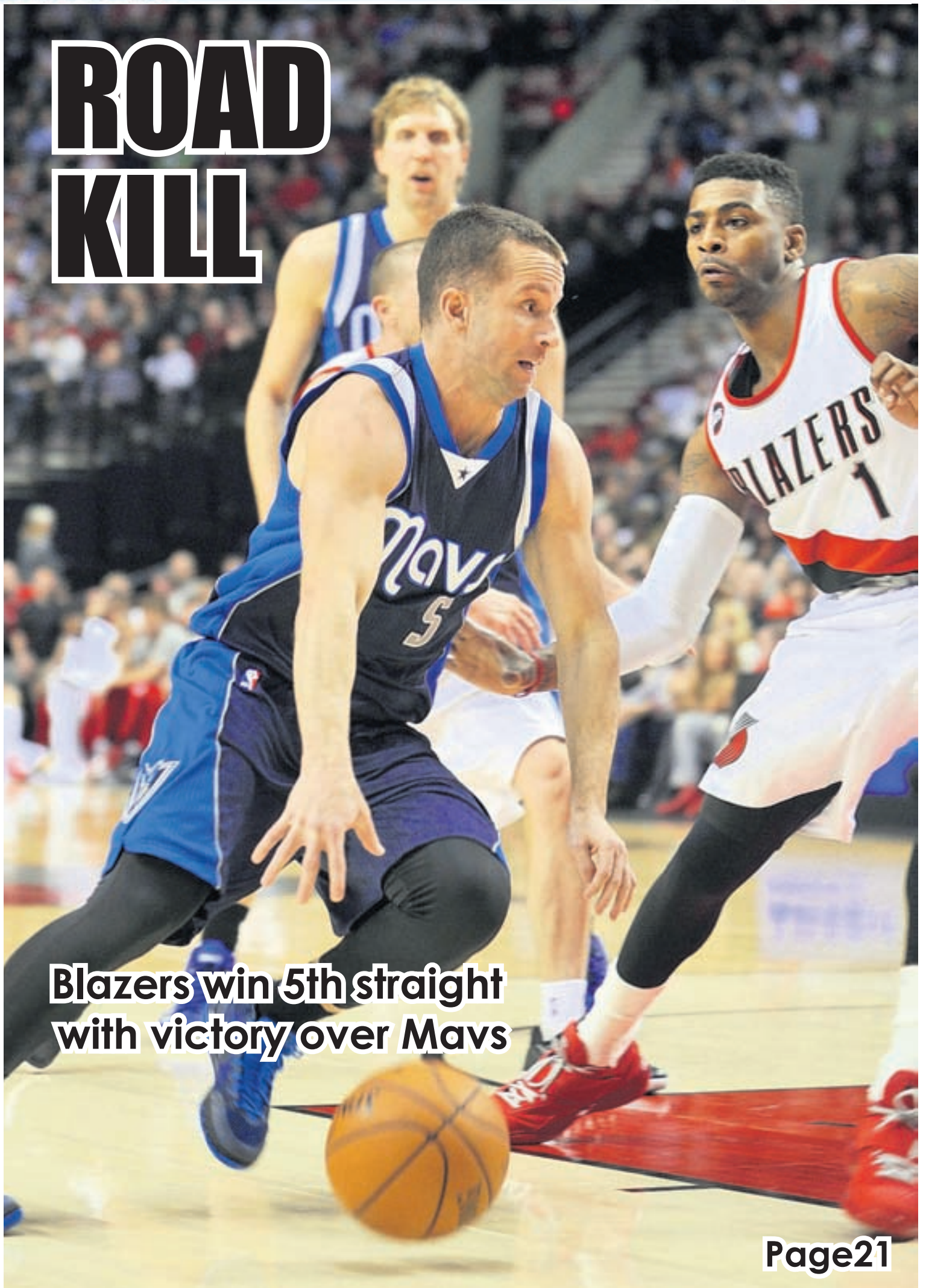
The clips featuring the basketball stars are part of a partnership to be announced Thursday between the NBA and LeanIn.org, a nonprofit group Sandberg started two years ago with the publication of a best-selling book advising women on the steps they should take to ensure they get the same opportunities as men traditionally have.

The book, "Lean In: Women, Work, and the Will to Lead," also urged men to do more to support the women and girls in their lives.

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ROAD KILL

**Blazers win 5th straight
with victory over Mavs**



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Dallas Mavericks' Jose Juan Barea (5) drives against Portland Trail Blazers' Dorell Wright (1) during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Thursday, March 5, 2015.

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'LEAN IN'

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Sandberg, Facebook's second-highest ranking executive behind CEO Mark Zuckerberg, is counting on the NBA's appeal to connect with millions of sports-loving men who haven't read her book.

LeanIn.org is providing men with tips on how to help in brochures that will be available online as part of the campaign with the NBA.

Facebook is among a long list of major Silicon Valley companies with a dearth of women in engineering and other technical positions, where the best-paying jobs are found. Women hold just 15 to 20 percent of the technology jobs at Google, Apple, Facebook and Yahoo, according to company disclosures made during the past nine



Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg is interviewed by Megyn Kelly, during a segment of her Fox News Channel "The Kelly File," program, in New York, Thursday, March 5, 2015. Associated Press

months.

"Certainly technology has an uphill battle to fight, but no industry has gotten to where it should be," Sandberg said. "The only way anything really changes in

society is when we have everyone in society pulling together."

Several technology companies, including Facebook Inc., Google Inc., Yahoo Inc. and Microsoft

Corp., are backing a campaign that will be punctuated with (hashtag) LeanInTogether. As part of its participation, Google will be promoting the cause Thursday on the main page

of its heavily trafficked search engine.

The National Basketball Association has been running a separate league for women for nearly 20 years. Several WNBA players, including All-Stars Sue Bird and Skylar Diggins, appear in the public service announcement that also features the Golden State Warriors' Curry and the Cleveland Cavaliers' James, the players who got the most votes in the fan balloting for last month's NBA All-Star game.

The union representing the NBA players also elected a woman, Michele Roberts, as its executive director last year. Meanwhile, the San Antonio Spurs hired woman, former WNBA star Becky Hammon, as an assistant coach at the start of this season.

"The NBA is committed to creating a work environment that expects — and benefits from — gender equality," NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said. □

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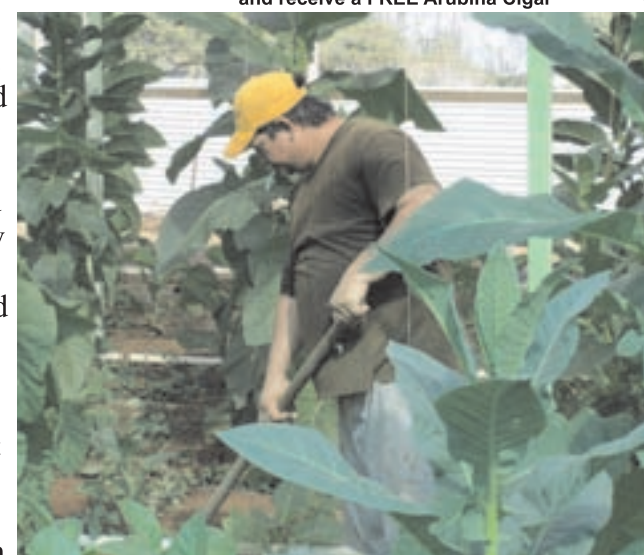
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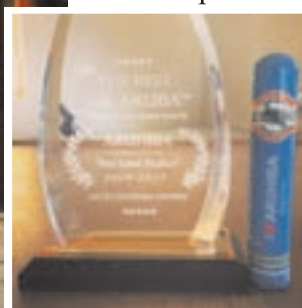
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At left, in a Feb. 25, 2015, file photo, New York Yankees starting pitcher CC Sabathia throws during a spring training baseball workout in Tampa, Fla. At right, in a Feb. 21, 2014, file photo, New York Yankees starting pitcher CC Sabathia reacts before throwing a pitch during spring training baseball practice in Tampa, Fla.

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DAVE SKRETTA
AP Sports Writer

PEORIA, Arizona (AP) — Big and bloated or slim and sleek, plenty of players showed up to Major League Baseball spring training looking nothing like they did last season. Ryan Howard trimmed down. CC Sabathia bulked up. Jered Weaver packed on muscle. Jesus Montero shed some flab. They all transformed their bodies with varying intentions, some hoping it leads to bounce-back seasons, others trying to stay healthy over a 162-game grind. It makes sense that folks are paying so much attention to such a weighty issue. After all, "The Biggest Loser" has been going strong for 16 seasons on U.S. television. Late-night TV is littered with infomercials for body wraps, pills, and magic shakes. Diet books are regulars on the best seller lists, and things like Spartan Race and CrossFit are driving people to the gym. "I was just trying to find a good weight to play at," said Sabathia, who showed up at New York Yankees camp at more than 300 pounds (136 kilograms).

"Last year I came in too light."

Sabathia actually began making headlines for his weight two years ago, when he shed about 30 pounds (14 kilos) to take the strain off his troublesome knees. But the unintended consequence was that his mechanics were thrown out of whack — his balance was off, his timing out of sync.

So, after consulting with Yankees team physician Dr. Christopher Ahmad, he decided to pack the pounds (kilos) back on. Sabathia hopes a more familiar weight leads to more familiar results.

"I feel like this is a good weight. I feel a little stronger," he said. "I feel my legs under me, being a lot stronger, and being able to push off the mound."

Sabathia is a rare case, though. Most players spend all offseason trying to get trim, changing their diets, and spending countless hours toiling away in the gym.

Howard cut back on sweets while ramping up his workouts last November. The Philadelphia Phillies slugger showed up to camp 20

pounds (nine kilos) lighter. He hopes the changes make him look less like the .233 hitter of last season, and more like the three-time All-Star of old.

"Just eating a little bit cleaner," he explained. "You have a cheat day or whatever once in a while, but for the most part, just trying to stick with it."

One of the most startling transformations was Montero, who was suspended last season for fighting with a scout over an ice cream sandwich.

Once a top prospect, Montero's weight ballooned to the point that he was no longer considered the Seattle Mariners' catcher of the future. Some wondered whether he had any future at all. But he dedicated himself to getting in better

shape this offseason and arrived in Arizona about 30 pounds (14 kilos) lighter, looking quicker on his feet and better on the base paths.

But it wasn't just performance that caused Montero to change his habits. It was also for his daughter, Loren, who provided inspiration during all those grueling workouts.

"I want her to look at me as an example, not like somebody like a quitter," he said. "That's what I was thinking the whole time. I want to give her something when she grows up."

Weaver, the Los Angeles Angels' ace, has bulked up to more than 220 pounds (100 kilos) in the hopes of going deeper in games. Kansas City Royals pitcher Danny Duffy added a few

pounds (kilos) to improve his durability, too.

Then there's Chicago Cubs infielder Javy Baez and Cleveland Indians second baseman Jason Kipnis, both of whom took rather unconventional — and largely unintentional — routes to losing weight.

Baez lost pounds (kilos) playing winter ball in Puerto Rico, where it was always hot and humid. But he also underwent minor surgery on his teeth that kept him from eating normally.

Asked what Kipnis did to lose weight, he replied: "Food poisoning. I threw up a lot more."

Of course, Kipnis also changed his offseason workout regimen to focus more on stretching, cardio, and agility and less on bulking up for power. □

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Flyers score 3 goals in 3rd period, top St. Louis 3-1



Montreal Canadiens defenseman Tom Gilbert, right, scores on Los Angeles Kings goalie Jonathan Quick during the second period of an NHL hockey game, Thursday, March 5, 2015, in Los Angeles. Associated Press

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PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Michael Del Zotto and Wayne Simmonds scored third-period goals to rally the Philadelphia Flyers to a 3-1 win over the St. Louis Blues on Thursday night.

Del Zotto and Simmonds helped the Flyers erase a 1-0 hole and give them an important two points in the Eastern Conference playoff chase. Michael Raffl scored an empty-net goal to seal the victory.

Steve Mason stopped 28 shots for the Flyers.

Jaden Schwartz scored his 21st goal for the Blues. Brian Elliott was stout in making 28 saves for a Blues team trying to gain ground in the Central Division and Western Conference.

ISLANDERS 4, PREDATORS 3

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Brock Nelson scored with 6:08 left, helping the New York Islanders rally after blowing a two-goal lead in the third period with a win over slumping Nashville, which lost its season-worst fifth straight game.

The Islanders moved back atop the Metropolitan Division ahead of the idle Rangers and swept the season series with Nashville for the first time. The Islanders had been 2-7 in Nashville, is second in the Western Conference.

Jaroslav Halak made 28 saves as the Islanders snapped a two-game skid. John Tavares had a goal and an assist, and Anders Lee and Nick Leddy also

had goals. Johnny Boychuk added two assists.

Colin Wilson, Craig Smith and Mike Ribeiro scored goals for the Predators.

KINGS 4, CANADIENS 3, SO

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Marian Gaborik's second power-play goal tied it with 45 seconds left in regulation, and he scored again in the shootout as Los Angeles rallied to beat Montreal.

Jeff Carter also scored in regulation and the shootout, and Anze Kopitar scored in the fourth round before Lars Eller put a shot off the post to end Los Angeles' second shootout victory in eight tries this season.

The defending Stanley Cup champions have won 10 of 13 overall, staying even with Calgary in third place in the Pacific Division.

Max Pacioretty scored in the third period and again in the shootout for the Canadiens, who rallied from an early two-goal deficit. Tom Gilbert and Brendan Gallagher scored 94 seconds apart to tie it in the second period for the Canadiens.

Montreal rebounded from back-to-back losses in California with its first point on a four-game West Coast trip. The Canadiens have lost three straight for the first time since early December.

FLAMES 4, BRUINS 3, SO

BOSTON (AP) — Sean Monahan scored Calgary's first goal at Boston in more than eight years, and the

Flames earned their first road win against the Bruins since 2003 with a shootout victory.

David Schlemko ended the shootout in the eighth round with a series of fakes on Boston goalie Tuukka Rask, who wasn't ready for the last one as Schlemko tapped the puck into the net to clinch Calgary's first win at Boston since December 2003.

Jiri Hudler and Johnny Gaudreau also scored for the Flames in regulation, and Karri Ramo made 34 saves, then allowed just one puck past him in the shootout when Patrice Bergeron scored to open the seventh round.

Brad Marchand and Milan Lucic scored for the Bruins, and Loui Eriksson added a third-period goal to tie at 3-all and force overtime. Rask finished with 29 saves.

WILD 2, CAPITALS 1

WASHINGTON (AP) — Jason Pominville scored two third-period goals, Devan Dubnyk made 24 saves, and Minnesota rallied to edge Washington.

Pominville tied it with his 14th goal of the season off a scramble in front of the

net at 9:19, then blasted a high shot past Braden Holtby from the left circle with 5:32 left after a Washington turnover in the neutral zone.

Holtby made 28 saves for the Capitals, who were without NHL goals leader Alex Ovechkin, who is day to day with a lower-body injury.

Zach Parise had two assists for Minnesota, which has won four straight and 15 of 18.

Curtis Glencross scored for the Capitals, his 10th of the season and first since coming to Washington from Calgary in a trade on Sunday.

The Wild have allowed just 12 goals in eight games. Dubnyk has started a franchise-record 22 straight games with the Wild. He is 17-3-1 with a 1.62 goals-against average in that span.

STARS 4, PANTHERS 3, SO

SUNRISE, Fla. (AP) — Colton Sceviour scored the winning goal in the shootout to lift Dallas over Florida.

Sceviour's goal came on a backhand shot past goalie Dan Ellis in the third round. The Stars won their second

game in a row after losing the previous six. The Panthers have lost two straight. Alex Goligoski, Shawn Horcoff and Curtis McKenzie scored in regulation for the Stars. Kari Lehtonen allowed three goals on 14 shots before being removed from the game at 12:28 of the second. Jhonas Enroth stopped 10 shots.

Jonathan Huberdeau, Dmitry Kulikov and Brandon Pirri scored for the Panthers.

Ellis, called up from San Antonio of the AHL on Wednesday, due to injuries to goalies Roberto Luongo and Al Montoya, made 29 saves in his first NHL appearance this season.

LIGHTNING 4, MAPLE LEAFS 2

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Ben Bishop made 25 saves, and Tampa Bay topped Toronto.

Nikita Kucherov, Ryan Callahan, Vladislav Namestnikov and Alex Killorn scored for Tampa Bay. Steven Stamkos added two assists.

David Booth and Richard Panik had goals for the Maple Leafs. □

Holmes keeps the lead; McIlroy loses his temper

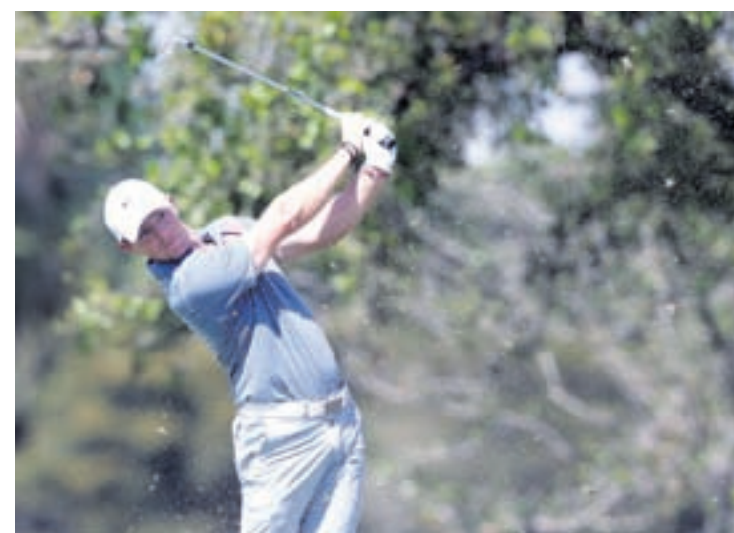
DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

DORAL, Fla. (AP) — J.B. Holmes kept his lead Friday at Doral. Rory McIlroy lost his cool.

Holmes was 11 shots worse than his record-tying 62 in the opening round. A bogey on the 18th hole gave him a 1-over 73, still enough to take a two-shot lead over Ryan Moore going into the weekend at Trump National Doral.

McIlroy was one club lighter than the start of his round. Frustrated by a 3-iron into the water on the eighth hole, the world's No. 1 player slung his 3-iron some 50 yards into the water. It was an embarrassing moment for



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland, watches his shot on the sixth fairway during the second round of the Cadillac Championship golf tournament, Friday, March 6, 2015, in Doral, Fla. Associated Press

McIlroy, though he the splash — from the club, not the ball — appeared to settle him. He wound

up with a 70 and was eight shots back halfway through the World Golf Championship. □

Blazers win fifth straight with 94-75 victory over Mavericks



Dallas Mavericks' Devin Harris, right, defends Portland Trail Blazers' Arron Afflalo during the first half of an NBA basketball game in Portland, Ore., Thursday, March 5, 2015.

Associated Press

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The mood was somber in the Portland Trail Blazers' locker room after their 94-75 victory over the Dallas Mavericks. The win came at a cost, with Wesley Matthews lost for the NBA season because of a ruptured Achilles tendon.

"I make that same cut hundreds of thousands of times in my life," Matthews said. "I felt the initial pop. And you guys could probably tell on the replay. I looked back — it feels like someone's kicked you. I was praying. I was praying someone was back there."

In the only other game, the Chicago Bulls rallied to beat the Oklahoma City Thunder 108-105, ending Russell Westbrook's triple-double streak at four.

LaMarcus Aldridge had 17 points and 12 rebounds as the Blazers pulled away in the second half for their fifth straight victory.

But shortly after came the news about Matthews, who started every game this season. Matthews was averaging 16.1 points and 3.7 rebounds.

"It's tough, man. He's the

heart and soul of this team, he brings a lot to this team," Aldridge said. "I've played with him seven, eight years now, so not having him out there is going to be tough." Nicolas Batum added 15 points and a season-high 12 rebounds for Portland, which had four players in double figures despite coming off back-to-back games.

Monta Ellis and Amare Stoudemire each had 12 points for the Mavericks, who saw the return of veteran center Tyson Chandler after a three-game absence.

Chandler, who was out with a left hip injury, finished with four points and 14 rebounds.

In Chicago, when E'Twaun Moore hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with 2.1 seconds left to put the Bulls up 107-105, Westbrook stepped out of bounds after taking the inbounds pass, not seeing that Serge Ibaka was open for a potential tying shot.

"Just trying to get a good shot. I should have passed to Serge," Westbrook said.

"That was a bad decision

on my part. He was open and I should have hit him." Westbrook had 43 points on 14-of-32 shooting and added seven assists and eight rebounds. On Wednesday in Oklahoma City, he had career highs with 49 points and 16 rebounds and added 10 assists in an overtime victory over Philadelphia.

Westbrook was the first player to have four straight triple-doubles since Michael Jordan had seven in a row in 1989. The All-Star MVP scored at least 40 points for the third straight game. Westbrook wore a mask and a headband for the second straight game after breaking his right cheek on Friday in Portland. He had surgery on Saturday and sat out Sunday against the Los Angeles Lakers.

Ibaka had 25 points and nine rebounds for Oklahoma City.

"He's not happy that he scored a bunch of points and got a bunch of rebounds and assists and we lost the game," Thunder coach Scott Brooks said. "Russell is about winning and about winning only." □

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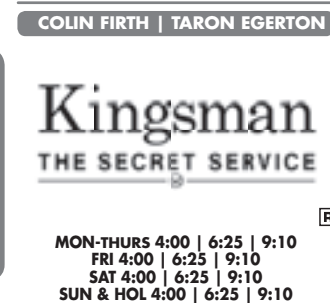
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Warm weather forced Iditarod farther north

MARK THIESSEN

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)

— Much of the start of the world's most famous sled dog race is covered in barren gravel, forcing Iditarod organizers to move the start farther north where there is snow and ice.

A weather pattern that buried the eastern U.S. in snow has left Alaska fairly warm and relatively snow-free this winter, especially south of the Alaska Range.

The Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race starts Saturday with a ceremonial run through Anchorage. But the official start two days later has been moved 225 miles (360 kilometers) north, over the Alaska Range, to Fairbanks to avoid the area that left many mushers bruised and bloodied last year.

One musher last year was taken out by a rescue helicopter after making it through the Dalzell Gorge only to hit his head on a tree stump in the Farewell Bend. Knocked unconscious for at least an hour, Scott Janssen got back on the trail after waking up. But shortly after, he broke his ankle while walking on ice trying to corral a loose dog. Iditarod officials said the conditions are worse this year. The race's chief executive officer, Stan Hoolley, called them "pretty miserable."

This year's race will feature 78 mushers, including six former champions and 20 rookies. The winner is expected in Nome in about 10 days.



In this photo taken Thursday, March 5, 2015, are bare patches of grass and mud on sled dog trails in Anchorage, Alaska.

Associated Press

Alaskans can thank the jet stream, which has been delivering warm air from the Pacific, said Dave Snider, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Anchorage.

"That position of the jet has been pretty stagnant, or at least in the general same position for a long period of time. While that's allowing a lot of cold air to flow out of the Arctic into the Midwest and the eastern seaboard, we're locked

into the warmer part of that pattern," he said.

Anchorage gets about 60 inches (150 centimeters) of snow in a normal year; this year only about 20 inches (50 centimeters) have fallen.

The new route, which puts mushers on river ice for about 600 miles (960 kilometers), could level the playing field.

"Nobody has a plan," said race director Mark Nordman. "You're not going to

be stopping and putting your snow hook into the same tree you had the last 20 years."

The route change eliminates the mountainous terrain and treacherous gorge, but it could present mushers with a whole new set of problems with a flat trail on unpredictable river ice. Plus, because it's an entirely new route, mushers say they can't rely much on information, even something as simple as the

distance between village checkpoints, provided by Iditarod officials.

By removing the Alaska Range, mushers may assume it will be a very fast race, said Dallas Seavey, the defending champion.

"Just because it's a flat trail does not mean your dogs can all of a sudden do 10 times what they've been able to do in the past," he said. "I feel that is a trap that will catch a lot of people." □

Morgan's goal sparks 3-0 US win over Switzerland in Portugal

VILA REAL de SAN ANTONIO, Portugal (AP)

— Alex Morgan redirected Lauren Holiday's free kick for a goal some nine minutes into the second half and the U.S. women's national team went on to defeat Switzerland 3-0 on Friday in group play at the Algarve Cup.

Amy Rodriguez added a goal in the 72nd minute before Abby Wambach came off the bench to score for the team, which

improved to 2-0-0 in its last international tournament before the Women's World Cup in Canada later this year.

U.S. goalkeeper Hope Solo preserved the lead with a key save of a blast from Lara Dickenmann in the 60th minute. It was her 79th career shutout.

Switzerland, ranked No. 19 in the world, falls to 1-1-0 in Group B with the loss. The United States, sitting atop the group, plays Iceland in

the final group match on Monday.

The Americans have won the Algarve Cup nine times in the tournament's 22-year history. The 12-team field this year includes nine teams that will play in the Women's World Cup starting in June.

The United States won the tournament opener 2-1 over Norway on Wednesday. Carli Lloyd scored two goals in the match, and Solo made her return to the

team after a 30-day suspension.

Solo was suspended in January following the arrest of her husband, former Seattle Seahawks tight end Jerramy Stevens, for driving under the influence in a U.S. Soccer van. Solo, who was in training camp in Southern California at the time, was also in the van.

The United States improves to 3-1-0 this year. The United States opened 2015 with a pair of exhibitions, a 2-0 loss

to France and a 1-0 victory over England.

U.S. coach Jill Ellis continued to tinker with her lineup in the match as the team prepares for the World Cup. The United States opens Group D play with Australia in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on June 8.

Switzerland opens on the same day against defending World Cup champion Japan in Vancouver, British Columbia. □

3 reasons Apple's watch will _ or won't _ change the game

BRANDON BAILEY

AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

No one can argue that Apple has changed the way people live their lives. The company's iPod, iTunes, iPhone and iPad have shaken up music, phone and computer markets worldwide. Is the Apple Watch going to be able to do the same?

The stakes are big for Apple CEO Tim Cook: the watch is the first brand-new Apple product to be launched without legendary co-founder Steve Jobs. But the market is awash in smartwatches that have gained little traction. Here are three reasons the Apple Watch will finally move the needle in the smartwatch industry — and three reasons it might not.

WHY IT WILL CHANGE THE GAME
MORE FEATURES THAN RIVALS: Along with email, texts and phone calls, Ap-



In this Sept. 9, 2014 file photo, the new Apple Watch is modeled during a media event in Cupertino, Calif. Associated Press

ple says its watch will present news, health readings and other notifications in creative ways that can be read at a glance. It will have a heart rate monitor and accelerometer, and

an internal motor that can signal the wearer with a subtle "tap" on the wrist. And Siri and Apple Pay will be built in. Apple is working with outside companies to create more apps;

Cook has talked about using the watch as an electronic "key" for hotel doors or even cars.

A POWERFUL BRAND: The world's biggest tech company has a reputation for quality and a direct conduit to customers — it operates more than 400 retail stores around the world. And it has deep pockets to spend on advertising — it is showcasing the watch this month with a sleek, 12-page insert in Vogue and other fashion magazines. **APPLE'S TRACK RECORD:** This wouldn't be the first Apple product that revolutionized a market where rivals had struggled to break through. Other companies made digital music players before the iPod, smartphones before the iPhone and even tablets before the iPad. Most of those products failed to catch on until Apple made devices so appealing they set new standards and created new demand, said Forrester Research analyst J.P. Gownder.

OR NOT
WHAT'S THE NEED?: Most smartwatches — including Apple's — only work with a smartphone nearby, so you can't swap one expensive gadget for the other. "What we've seen is that it's not obvious why people would want a smartwatch," says Gownder. A recent

Forrester survey found some respondents didn't see a reason to buy one because they already owned a less-expensive fitness band or a full-featured smartphone (although it also found Apple fans ready to buy the new watch).

CONSUMERS NOT EXCITED: You can already buy smartwatches made by giant tech companies like Samsung, Sony or LG, or from a tech startup like Pebble, that track your heart rate, show you email and deliver other online services to your wrist. None of them have really caught on. Only about 5 million smartwatches were sold worldwide last year, according to market researchers at Strategy Analytics. By comparison, Apple sold 74.6 million iPhones in just the last quarter.

PRICE AND OBSOLESCENCE: Many of today's smartwatches sell for \$200 or less. Apple plans to sell three models, starting at \$349, but Piper Jaffray's Gene Munster predicts the average buyer will pay \$550 for a watch and extra, interchangeable bands. Apple's high-fashion "Edition" model, made with 18-karat gold, is expected to cost thousands. While affluent consumers might pay that for a watch they can wear for years, or even hand down to their children, it's a lot of money for something that could become outdated if Apple releases a new model every year or so — as it does with smartphones.

Cook will make his case for the Apple Watch at a press event Monday, where he's expected to show off more features and apps. Expectations are high.

But even the iPhone didn't become a mainstream blockbuster in its first year, notes Creative Strategies analyst Ben Bajarin. Of the Apple Watch, he says, "people need to understand more about what this product is, and what it does, and I think that will evolve over time." □

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AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) —

Uber Technologies is buying digital mapping specialist deCarta in a deal that may help the rapidly growing ride-hailing service lessen its dependence on navigation services from Google and Apple, an imposing pair of potential rivals.

Although deCarta isn't as well-known as Google Maps, its technology is extensively used by consumers. The OnStar system built into cars made by General Motors Co. relies on deCarta, as do smartphone makers Samsung Electronics and BlackBerry Inc. In its early years, Google Maps even tapped into deCarta's technology, according to deCarta. The acquisition confirmed Wednesday will provide Uber's drivers with another way to find passengers summoning rides on the company's mobile app and deliver them to their destinations more quickly. DeCarta's technology also may help Uber provide

more accurate estimates about the arrival times of its cars, which can now be ordered in more than 250 cities in 50 countries.

The deCarta deal comes a month after an unconfirmed report that Google Inc. is planning a rival ride-hailing service that would draw upon the driverless cars that the company has been building and testing for the past few years. Uber fueled further speculation about a looming battle with Google by forging a partnership with Carnegie Mellon University to work on its own driverless cars.

Another report published in The Wall Street Journal outlined Apple's plans to reshape the automobile industry with an electric vehicle, a development that conceivably could set up the iPhone maker to compete against Uber someday.

For now, Uber says it plans to blend deCarta's technology with the Google and Apple maps that it already uses. "With the ac-

quisition of deCarta, we will continue to fine-tune our products and services that rely on maps...and make the Uber experience even better for our users," the San Francisco company said in a printed statement. Financial terms of the deal weren't disclosed.

Privately held Uber has plenty of financial firepower, having raised nearly \$3 billion. Investors involved in that financing have valued the 6-year-old company at about \$40 billion. All told, Uber has raised nearly \$6 billion since its inception, including a \$258 million infusion from Google's venture capital arm in 2013.

Uber has funneled most of its cash into expanding its workforce to more than 2,000 people worldwide and building its ride-hailing network. The company had only done a handful of small acquisitions before making its biggest splash so far with the purchase of deCarta, a San Jose, California company that started nearly 20 years ago. □

Stocks drop; strong jobs report raises rate hike prospect

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NEW YORK (AP) — A strong jobs report shook up the financial markets on Friday. U.S. employers added 295,000 jobs last month, the government said. That was more than economists were expecting and, combined with a drop in the unemployment rate, raised the likelihood of the Federal Reserve raising interest rates sooner than had previously been expected. The dollar surged and Treasuries fell as investors factored in the possibility that the Fed could implement its first rate hike in almost a decade as soon as June. The prospects of higher interest rates sent stocks tumbling. The market logged its worst day in two months. Fed policy makers have held interest rates close to zero for more than six years in an effort to stimulate growth and boost the economy. That stimulus has helped underpin a six-year bull market in stocks. "We're moving to another chapter here," said Jim Russell, a portfolio manager at Bahl and Gaynor, a wealth manager. "Certainly, the number does put pressure on the Fed to move." The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 29.78 points, or 1.4 percent, to 2,071.26. The Dow Jones industrial average dropped 278.94 points, or 1.5 percent, to 17,856.78. The Nasdaq composite fell 55.44 points, or 1.1 percent,

to 4,927.37. Stocks opened lower and the losses accelerated throughout the day. By the close of trading the S&P 500 index had logged its biggest one-day loss since Jan. 5. Government bonds fell as investors factored in a higher probability of a summer rate hike. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note jumped to 2.25 percent from 2.12 percent late Thursday. Stocks that pay rich dividends, such as utilities, telecommunication companies and real estate investment companies, slumped the most. These stocks have been popular while interest rates on bonds have remained low. If interest rates on bonds rise, they become less attractive by comparison. The Dow Jones utility average plunged 3.1 percent. It's down 7.8 percent this year. Some investors said that the sharp sell-off was an overreaction. "The Fed is not going to raise interest rates from zero to five percent overnight," said Kevin Mahn, Chief Investment Officer of Hennion & Walsh Asset Management. Mahn says that investors should remember that if interest rates are going up, it's because the economy is getting stronger, and while rates may rise this year, they remain low by historical standards. Financial stocks were

among those that fared better on Friday, logging the smallest loss in the S&P 500 index. Higher interest rates are generally good for financial companies such as banks

gains in the S&P 500. Apple was another stock that managed to buck the trend and eke out a small gain. The company will replace AT&T in the Dow Jones industrial average

ue is about \$736 billion, according to FactSet data. The dollar jumped after the release of the job figures as traders priced in an earlier rate hike. The euro, already at 12-year lows, slid



MaxPoint Interactive Chairman, President and CEO Joseph Epperson, second left, joins the applause as he rings the New York Stock Exchange opening bell, to celebrate his company's IPO, Friday, March 6, 2015.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

because they can lend at higher rates. Banks also rose a day after the Federal Reserve announced that major U.S. lenders had all passed the Fed's annual "stress tests," which are designed to gauge whether lenders are strong enough to withstand severe disruptions to the financial system. Bank of America rose 22 cents, or 1.4 percent, to \$16.22, one of the biggest

on March 19, the manager of the index announced Friday. S&P Dow Jones, which manages the index, cast the move as a sort of a housekeeping maneuver, a way of ensuring that the index better reflects the U.S. economy and markets. Apple, the world's most valuable publicly traded company, gained 19 cents, or 0.2 percent, to \$126.60. The company's market val-

to \$1.0848. The dollar also rose against the Japanese yen, climbing to 120.72 yen. While a stronger dollar is a boon to U.S. consumers because it helps make imported goods less expensive, it is a burden to big companies that rely on overseas sales for a lot of their revenue. Global corporations from Coca-Cola to Avon Products have said this year that their earnings have been affected by the strengthening U.S. currency. A rising dollar means that the sales they make abroad are worth less in dollar terms. In energy trading, the price of U.S. oil fell sharply after the strong jobs report pushed up the value of the dollar. That made oil a less attractive investment for overseas buyers. Benchmark U.S. crude fell \$1.15 to close at \$49.61 a barrel in New York. Oil finished the week down 25 cents. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, fell 75 cents to close at \$59.73 a barrel in London.

Big Banks pass muster in latest stress tests

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The nation's largest banks appear to have the financial strength to survive a nightmarish world where unemployment soars, house prices plummet and Wall Street crashes, the Federal Reserve said this week. The Fed requires big banks to undergo "stress tests" each year that aim to assess whether the institutions would be able to withstand the sort of economic and financial storm that ripped through the country more

than six years ago. Put simply, the tests add up the losses that a bank would suffer on its loans and trades during the hypothetical storm. The Fed then assesses the degree to which those losses would deplete a bank's capital, the financial foundation of every bank. Some of the 31 banks in this year's test would emerge from the theoretical shocks with significantly less capital than others. Under the tests, Goldman Sachs fell very close to a minimum requirement for

one measure of capital. This may put the firm in the awkward position of having to reduce the amount of money that it had planned to pay out to its shareholders this year. Zions Bancorporation, a regional bank that fared poorly in last year's tests, also fell very close to a minimum level. Bank of America was well above all the minimum requirements. Unlike last year's test, this one showed no bank with capital below the minimum, a result that might

provide comfort to the Fed as it seeks to make the financial system stronger. "Higher capital levels at large banks increase the resiliency of our financial system," Daniel K. Tarullo, the Fed governor who oversees regulation, said in a statement. "Our supervisory stress tests are designed to ensure that these banks have enough capital that they could continue to lend to American businesses and households even in a severe economic downturn."

US trade deficit in January falls 8.3% to \$41.8 billion

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. trade deficit in January dropped sharply as both exports and imports fell. The Commerce Department said Friday that the deficit fell 8.3 percent to \$41.8 billion in January from \$45.6 billion in December. The shrinking trade gap reflected a drop in exports, which fell \$5.6 billion to

\$189.4 billion. Imports fell \$9.4 billion to \$231.1 billion. Much of the dip in imports likely came from lower oil prices and a labor dispute that disrupted shipping at West Coast ports. At the same time, the strong dollar that has made American-made goods less affordable abroad is weighing down exports. The trade deficit reached \$505 billion last year, up

6 percent from the 2013 deficit of \$476.4 billion. It was the largest imbalance since 2012. Economists expect the deficit to widen further in 2015 as stable growth in the United States drives imports and tepid growth overseas paired with a strong dollar depress exports. The politically sensitive deficit with China was \$29.3 billion in January, down from

\$30.4 billion in December. Still, that constant imbalance has created pressure on Congress and the Obama administration to take tougher actions against what critics see as China's unfair trade practices. U.S. manufacturers say that China is manipulating its currency to keep it artificially low against the dollar, which benefits Chinese exporters while creat-

ing a barrier for U.S. goods. Yet a domestic energy boom has kept the deficit in check. Not only have oil costs plunged since June, but the U.S. production made possible by fracking has reduced dependence on foreign oil. Between December and January, petroleum imports fell 23 percent to \$17.7 billion. □

Dow reshuffle: Apple joins blue-chips, AT&T gets boot

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NEW YORK (AP) — Apple is in. AT&T is out.

In another victory of sorts for the popular and profitable iPhone giant, Apple will replace AT&T in the venerable Dow Jones industrial average on March 19, the manager of the index announced Friday.

The move isn't likely to impact the 30-stock index much, and will have no effect on the fortunes of the two companies. But market experts say it does have symbolic importance, sort of like getting an Oscar at the Academy Awards — or at least a nomination.

The change cements Apple as "the gold standard of technology," says Daniel Ives, a financial analyst at FBR Research. "They've really become the modern-day Wright Brothers."

The reshuffling of the 119-year-old Dow, a ba-



A trader walks by the post that handles AT&T on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, March 6, 2015. Apple will replace AT&T in the Dow Jones industrial average, the managers of the index announced early Friday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

rometer of market fortune and folly once dominated by railroads, also reflects a changed business world. "It underscores that technology continues to be a

critical driver of the overall economy," says Edward Jones analyst Bill Kreher. Apple is the world's most valuable company. Its market value on the stock ex-

change, or what it would take to buy all its shares, closed last month above \$700 billion — a first for any company. Apple won't get top billing

in the Dow, though. Thanks to a quirk in the way the index is calculated, that honor will go to a company a little over a tenth as valuable — Goldman Sachs.

The Dow weights companies by how much it costs to buy a single share, not all of them. On Friday, a Goldman share fetched \$186.91 versus \$126.60 for Apple.

For all the symbolic importance, the trigger for the move is less colorful. The manager of the index, the S&P Dow Jones Indices, said it's making the change in response to a planned stock split for Visa, another Dow member.

After its four-to-one split, Visa will wind up with a lower price. S&P said that would reduce the weight of the information technology sector in the Dow because Visa, a credit-card and payment-processing giant, counts as a tech stock. Adding Apple will help balance out this reduction. □

Milestone: US approves first lower-cost biotech drug

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Government health officials on Friday approved the first lower-cost copy of a biotech drug in the U.S., a long-awaited milestone that could save billions for insurers, doctors and patients.

Biotech drugs are powerful, injected medicines produced in living cells. They are typically much more expensive than traditional chemical-based pills.

The Food and Drug Admin-

istration approval of Swiss-based Novartis' version of the blockbuster drug Neupogen paves the way for a new market of quasi-generic biotech medicines. Express Scripts Holding Co., the country's largest prescription benefit manager, estimates the Novartis drug, named Zarxio, could save the U.S. health system \$5.7 billion over the next decade.

Neupogen, used to boost blood cells in cancer patients, had U.S. sales of \$839 million last year. Express Scripts said the average

price for a 30-day supply was about \$3,500 last year. Novartis won't announce Zarxio's price until its launch, through its Sandoz subsidiary, later this year, spokeswoman Julie Masow said. She said the biosimilar would be "competitively priced." The FDA approved the drug for use in several types of patients, including those undergoing bone marrow transplants or receiving certain forms of chemotherapy.

Dr. John Jenkins, director of FDA's Office of New Drugs, said during a conference

call that Zarxio and Neupogen "should perform the same" in patients.

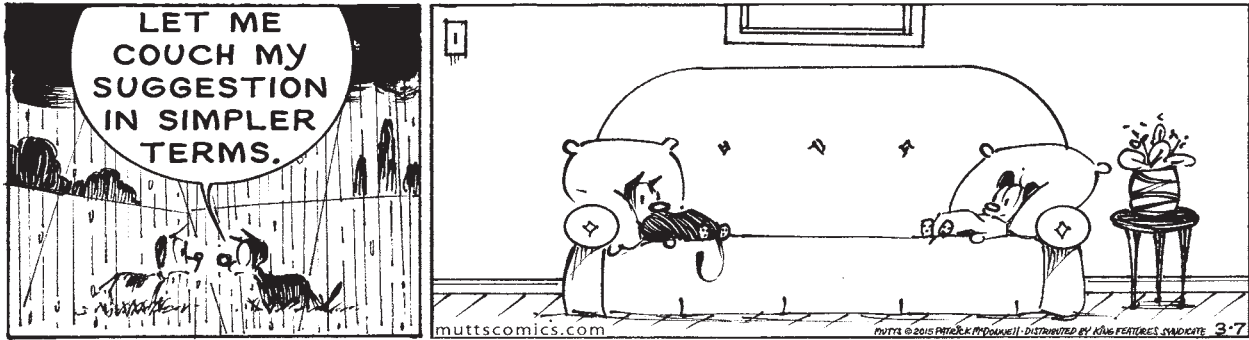
Many newer biotech drugs cost more than \$100,000 per year, and together they account for nearly 30 percent of all U.S. drug spending. Five of the top 10 U.S. drugs by revenue are biotech medicines, according to IMS Health. Since their introduction in the 1980s, biotech drugs haven't faced generic competition because the FDA did not have a system to approve copies.

In 2012, the FDA laid out a

regulatory pathway to approve so-called "biosimilars." That's the industry term for generic biotech drugs, indicating they're not exact copies. For years the biotech industry staved off competition by arguing their drugs were too complex to be reproduced by competitors.

Now insurers will press makers of original biologic drugs to lower prices once a biosimilar arrives, predicts Les Funtleyder, health care portfolio manager at ESquared Asset Management. □

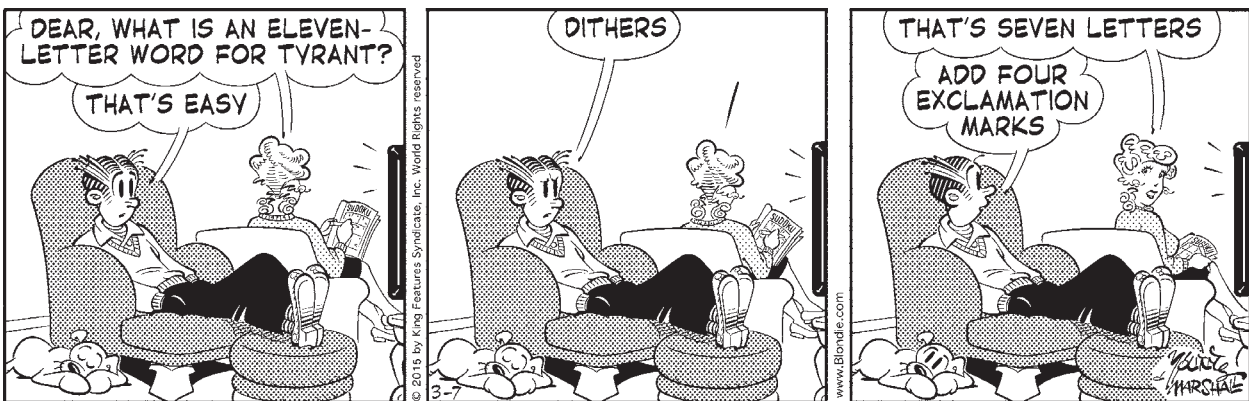
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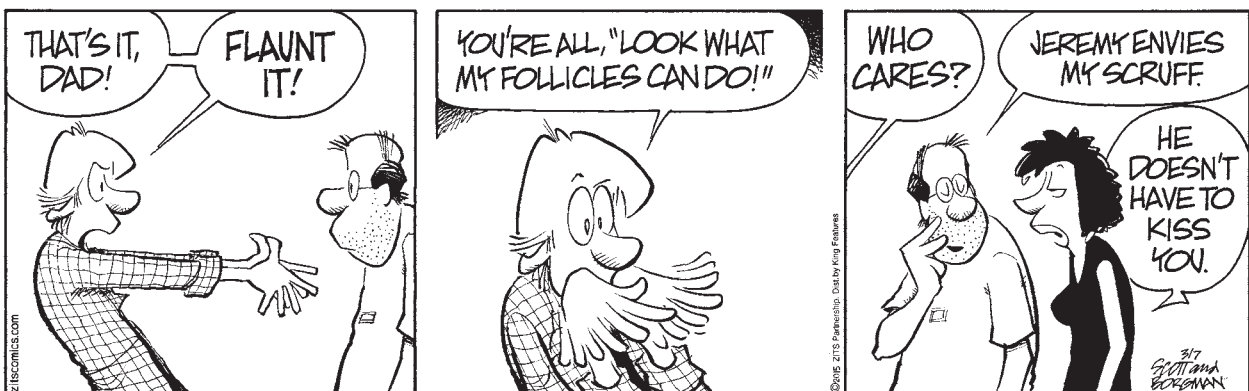
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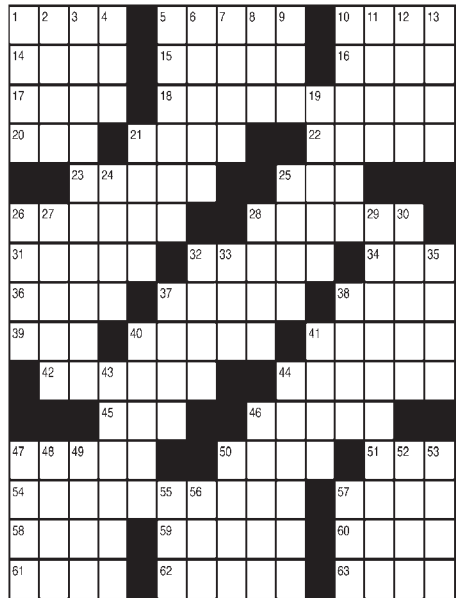
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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- Cough noisily
- Oscar hopeful
- Goes bad
- Qualified
- African nation
- Hawaiian island
- Containing very little fat
- Caught again
- Sullivan and Bradley
- Ham or beef
- Long-eared animals
- Difficult to climb
- Bullying cheer
- ___ up; matched together
- Mass departure
- Not qualified
- Refuge
- And not
- Make a tiny cut
- Tokyo's nation
- The Bee Gees, for example
- Hurry
- Desires
- Beach souvenir
- Actor ___ James Olmos
- Word in a polite request
- "___ no use!"; cry of despair
- Daily ___; rat race
- Wonderland visitor
- Pitt or Garrett
- Ridicule
- Newspaper item evaluating a literary work
- Follow orders
- Pigeon shelter
- Compare
- Sheet of ice on the ocean
- Shooting ___; meteor
- Gives vittles to
- ___ for oneself; accept no help



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Friday's Puzzle Solved

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ASCEND	LONESOME	
CHECK	RENEW	WIN
HACK	TUNED	WIND
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OFFA	ATTENDANT	
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- Thirst quencher
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- Shrimp kin
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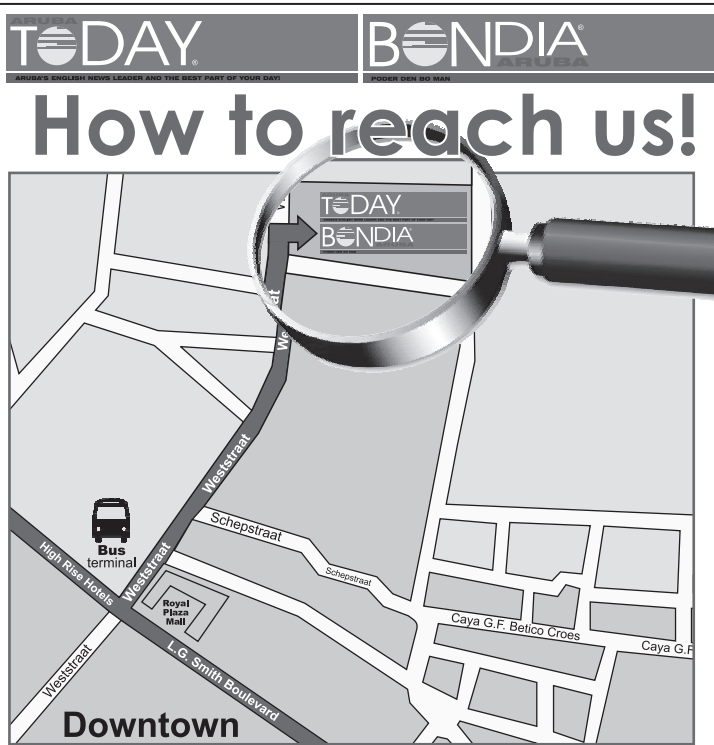
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Hello Ceres! NASA spacecraft on first visit to dwarf planet

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AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A NASA spacecraft flawlessly slipped into orbit around Ceres on Friday in the first visit to a dwarf planet after a nearly eight-year journey. The Dawn craft will circle the dwarf planet for more than a year, exploring its surface and unraveling its mysteries.

"It went exactly the way we expected. Dawn gently, elegantly slid into Ceres' gravitational embrace," said mission chief engineer Marc Rayman at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which manages the \$473 million mission.

Ceres is the second and final stop for Dawn, which launched in 2007 on a voyage to the main asteroid belt, a zone between Mars and Jupiter that's littered with rocky leftovers from the formation of the sun and planets some 4½ billion years ago.

Dawn will spend 16 months photographing the icy surface. It previously spent a year at Vesta exploring the asteroid and sending back stunning close-ups of its lumpy surface before cruising onto the Texas-sized Ceres, the largest object in the asteroid belt.

The 3-billion mile (4.8 billion kilometer) trip was made possible by Dawn's ion propulsion engines, which provide gentle yet constant acceleration and are more efficient than conventional thrusters.



This March 1, 2015 photo provided by NASA shows Ceres is seen from NASA's Dawn spacecraft just a few days before the mission achieved orbit around the previously unexplored dwarf planet to begin a 16-month exploration.

As Dawn approached Ceres, it beamed back the best pictures ever taken of the dwarf planet. Some puzzling images revealed a pair of shiny patches inside a crater — signs of possible ice or salt.

Scientists hope to get a better glimpse of the spots when the spacecraft spirals closer to the surface. It'll also study whether previously spotted plumes of water vapor continue to vent.

"There are a lot of secrets that will be revealed," said mission scientist Lucy McFadden at NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center.

The spacecraft glided into place at 4:39 a.m. Friday and flight controllers received confirmation about an hour later. The maneuver occurred without a tense moment, unlike other captures that require braking to slow down.

"The real drama is exploring this alien, exotic world," Rayman said.

Dawn is currently in Ceres' shadows and won't take new pictures until it emerges in April, he said.

Discovered in 1801, Ceres — measuring 600 miles (965 kilometers) across — is named after the Roman goddess of agriculture and harvest. It was initially called a planet before it

was demoted to an asteroid and later classified as a dwarf planet. Like planets, dwarf planets are spherical in shape, but they share the same celestial neighborhood with other similar-sized bodies.

With its massive solar wings spread out, Dawn is about the size of a tractor-trailer, measuring 65 feet (20 meters) from tip to tip.

Dawn carries an infrared spectrometer and a gamma ray and neutron detector to study the surface of Ceres from orbit.

In the coming months, it will spiral down to within 235 miles (378 kilometers) of Ceres' surface where it will remain long after the mission is over.

"Every time we get closer, we see more things that make us scratch our heads," said mission scientist Mark Sykes, who heads the Planetary Science Institute in Arizona.

Dawn almost never made it out to the inner solar system. The mission endured funding-related project cancellations and launch delays before it received the green light to fly.

Dwarf planets lately have become the focus of exploration.

This summer, another NASA spacecraft — New Horizons — is set to make the first visit to Pluto, which was demoted to dwarf planet. □

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LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Harrison Ford is as much the daredevil in real life as Han Solo, Indiana Jones or the other larger-than-life characters that he has played on the screen. While his fictional adventures in "Star Wars" and as bold archaeologist Jones have thrilled audiences, the star has run into real-life danger — and sometimes pain — while indulging in his love of aviation, fast driving and the unpredictability of filmmaking.

On Thursday, the actor's vintage plane crash-landed on a golf course in Los Angeles shortly after taking off from a nearby airport. Ford, 72, who had reported engine failure to air-traffic controllers, was taken to the hospital with injuries that his spokeswoman said were not life-threatening.

Beyond joy-riding in the skies, Ford also employs his skills as a pilot, acquired in his mid-50s, to help in search-and-rescue efforts. Here are a few of his closer brushes, some more dramatic than others, as well as heroic moments:

— The scar on his face that lends him a rakish look was earned, he's said, in "a mundane way." In 1964, he was speeding to a job at a department store in Orange County, California, when his car veered off the road and into a telephone pole as he fumbled for his seat belt.

— In 1999, Ford crash-landed his helicopter during a training flight in which he and an instructor were practicing auto rotations in Ventura County, northwest of Los Angeles. Ford and the instructor were unhurt.

— He used his helicopter in 2000 to pluck an Idaho Falls, Idaho, hiker off 11,106-foot Table Mountain in Teton County, Wyoming, and fly her to a hospital. One year later, Ford and another searcher helped find a missing Boy Scout in a forest south of Yellowstone National Park. "Boy, you sure must have



A small vintage airplane rests on the ground after it crash-landed on the Penmar Golf Course in the Venice area of Los Angeles, Thursday, March 5, 2015. Harrison Ford crash-landed the airplane shortly after taking off from a nearby airport and reporting engine problems.

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earned a merit badge for this one," Ford told the cold

and hungry teenager after whisking him to safety by

chopper.

— Ford was at the helm

of a Beechcraft Bonanza in 2000 when wind shear forced him to make an emergency landing at Lincoln Municipal Airport in Nebraska. Ford and his passenger were uninjured when the plane clipped the runway and its wing tips were damaged, officials said.

— Ford, who takes pride in doing his own stunt work, reportedly injured his back in 1983 while making "Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom" and damaged ligaments in his leg during production of the 1993 film "The Fugitive." — Last year, he was filming "Star Wars: Episode VII" in a studio outside London when a door of Solo's Millennium Falcon spacecraft fell and broke the actor's leg, requiring surgery on it. He recovered and returned to complete his work on the movie. □

CBS' Bill Plante returns to Selma 50 years later

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NEW YORK (AP) —

Fifty years after covering the civil rights marches in Selma for CBS News, senior White House correspondent Bill Plante is returning to Alabama for this weekend's commemorations still working for the same news organization.

As one mark of how things have changed in five decades, Plante will be interviewing a black man who is president of the United States on Saturday. President Barack Obama will also be in Alabama to mark the occasion.

Plante was a 27-year-old reporter in 1965 who bore witness to police tear-gassing and beating demonstrators on the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma. Later, he interviewed the Rev. Martin Luther King as he crossed the bridge in a separate march to the state capital in Montgomery.

He was last in Selma three years ago, part of U.S. Rep. John Lewis' tour of historic civil rights locations, and was struck by how much the community physically looked the same.

"The big difference, it seems to me, is the attitude of the black population," he said. "Blacks were fearful 50 years ago and they needed somebody like a Dr. King to mobilize them. Now they're very much involved in the political life of the city and the county. Which is not to say there is no more racism — of course there is. That will probably always be the case everywhere. But it sure is a lot better than it was 50 years ago."

Plante and fellow reporters weren't welcomed by the white population 50 years ago, and footage in the CBS News archives shows what appears to be an egg being smeared on a camera lens at one point in the march.

Plante admits he feared for his safety.

"We were regarded as troublemakers because what we did was expose what was going on for all the world to see," he said. "This shocked the nation."

It shocked Plante, too, and as someone who grew up in Chicago schooled in social justice, it was hard for him to remain neutral. He'd never seen such in-your-



This Dec. 3, 2010 file photo shows CBS News White House correspondent Bill Plante in the White House Briefing Room in Washington.

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face racism. But there was segregation back home, too. He just didn't notice it as much.

Plante said he hopes to talk with Obama about racial attitudes, a topic he has not addressed frequently as president. Portions of the interview will appear on Saturday's evening news, along with "Face the Nation" and "CBS Sunday

Morning."

A walking institutional memory bank for CBS News, Plante said he hasn't been bitten by the retirement bug.

"I'd like to keep doing this as long as I can," said Plante, 77. "It engages you. You meet people, you participate in what goes on every day. It helps you to stay alive." □

Peter Max still living the colorful pop-art vibe he created

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — If you haven't seen one of Peter Max's paintings or drawings today, chances are you haven't opened your eyes yet.

Since he charged onto the pop-art stage a half-century ago, the progenitor of psychedelic art has stamped his creative presence on practically everything from the sides of an airliner and the hull of a Norwegian Cruise Lines ship to commemorative U.S. postage stamps and, most lately, an endless string of art galleries.

He shows up at the latter about every weekend to sign paintings for which people pay anywhere from five to six figures. He'll even throw in a little bonus drawing on the back for someone who takes the time to come up and say hi.

When he's not doing that, this exuberant, seemingly tireless 77-year-old child of the '60s keeps busy in his New York studio, cranking out more wildly colorful paintings in a style merging the realism of Norman Rockwell with the pop-art

sensibilities of Ed Ruscha and Andy Warhol.

He says he paints and draws every day, sometimes cranking out his most recognizable works over and over again.

"When I come to work, whether I walk to work or I'm in a car, when I'm about five, six blocks away, the adrenaline starts to kick in, and I say, 'Oh my God, I can't wait. In five minutes, I'll be at the easel,'" he related during a phone interview from his New York studio.

This weekend, he'll be in Los Angeles for a combination career retrospective and sale at Gallery 319. Then it's on to Florida for more shows, then North Carolina, then Pennsylvania.

His constant flooding of the art market with his work and the fact it seems to be ubiquitous — he's been the official artist for such events as the Super Bowl, World Series, Kentucky Derby and Indianapolis 500 — has led some high-brow critics to dismiss him as mainly a brand, not an artist.

That's unfair, says Elizabeth Currid-Halkett, author of

"The Warhol Economy: How Fashion, Art and Music Drive New York City."

"I think his accessibility and appeal to the general public probably has taken away from his position amongst the art world cognoscenti, but that quality, in and of itself, shouldn't

an engineer," Max recalls, chuckling.

Born in Berlin as Peter Max Finkelstein, he was a year old when his family fled Germany ahead of the Holocaust. They settled in Shanghai, where his mother, noting her son's love of doodling, found him an art

Marilyn Monroe happened by, pausing momentarily to compliment his colorful, paint-splattered pants.

"She talked to me! Can you imagine? Marilyn Monroe," he says, still sounding awed by the encounter.

He would eventually cross paths with about every pop-culture icon of the 1960s and '70s and represent many in his paintings.

"Ringo Starr still comes to see me every few weeks," he says. "Paul McCartney's my buddy. He calls me."

He met Jimi Hendrix when the two were neighbors in Upstate New York before the latter was famous.

"He said to me, 'I love to make music.' I said, 'Really. What do you do?' He said, 'Well, I play a little guitar, and I sing.'"

For a time it looked like Max — who still believes what the world needs more of is love, sweet love — might have locked himself in the '60s. Then a few years ago, he began doing wildly colorful paintings of Taylor Swift. Asked what was up with that by The New York Times, the musician explained she's admired Max's art since she was a child. □



In this Sept. 6, 2014, file photo, artist Peter Max poses for a photo during his retrospective with the Road Show Company exhibit in Northbrook Court mall in Northbrook, Ill.

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be the detractor from his position as a serious artist," Currid-Halkett said. "His art is accessible and can be understood without a PhD in art history, and that is a good thing."

Very good for someone who never set out to be an artist.

"I always wanted to be

teacher.

Ten years later the family began a peripatetic, globe-trotting existence that took them to Tibet, Israel, Paris and finally New York City, where the artist found his second love — celebrity.

He was sitting outside art school one day when

Hall and Oates sue over granola-maker's Haulin' Oats cereal

NEW YORK (AP) — Hall and Oates are saying "no can do" to a New York company selling granola called Haulin' Oats.

The famed pop music duo has sued Brooklyn-based Early Bird Foods & Co. in federal court, accusing the company of violating trademark protections with its "phonetic play" on Daryl Hall and John Oates' names. The suit called it "an effort to trade off of the fame and notoriety associated with the artists and plaintiff's well-known marks."

In an email sent Thursday, Early Bird Foods owner Nekisia Davis said she had no comment, "Except 'Say it isn't so,'" — an appar-

ent reference to a 1983 recording by Hall and Oates with that title.

The company's website describes it as a small operation located in the Red Hook section of Brooklyn. It bills itself as the maker of "out-of-this-world delicious, wholesome and nourishing small batch granola and other foods by hand."

The suit asks the court to order Early Bird Foods to stop using the Haulin' Oats name on packages of granola. It also says the company should hand over any profits made off the brand. Hall and Oates are best known for decades-old classics like "I Can't Go for That (No Can Do)," "Sara Smile" and "Rich Girl." □



In this May 20, 2008 file photo, Daryl Hall, left, and John Oates, recipients of BMI Icons awards, pose together before the 56th annual BMI Pop Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif.

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Leaving and Cleaving



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So much of life is about leave-taking: moving from home to college, from love to love, from city to city and from life stage to life stage.

In earlier times, leaving was defined by distance, but now it is defined by silence. Everybody everywhere is just a text away, a phone call away. Relationships are often defined by the frequency and intensity of communication between two people.

The person moving on and changing a relationship no longer makes a one-time choice to physically go to another town. He makes a series of minute-by-minute decisions to not text, to not email or call, to turn intense communication into sporadic conversation or no communication. His name was once constant on his friend's phone screen, but now it is rare and the void is a wound.

If you are like me you know a lot of relationships in which people haven't managed this sort of transition well. Communication that was once honest and life-enhancing has become perverted - after a transition - by resentment, neediness or narcissism.

We all know men and women who stalk ex-lovers online; people who bombard a friend with emails even though that friendship has evidently cooled; mentors who resent their former protégés when their emails are no longer instantly returned; people who post faux glam pictures on Instagram so they can "win the breakup" against their ex.

Instant communication creates a new sort of challenge. How do you gracefully change your communication patterns when one person legitimately wants to step back or is entering another life phase?

The paradox is that the person doing the leaving controls the situation, but greater heroism is demanded of the one being left behind. The person left in the vapor trail is hurt and probably craves contact. It's amazing how much pain there is when what was once intimate conversation turns into unnaturally casual banter, emotional distance or just a void.

The person left behind also probably thinks that the leaver is making a big mistake. She probably thinks that it's stupid to leave or change the bond; that the other

person is driven by selfishness, shortsightedness or popularity.

Yet if the whole transition is going to be managed with any dignity, the person being left has to swallow the pain and accept the decision. The person being left has to grant the leaver the dignity of her own mind, has to respect her ability to make her own choices about how to live and whom to be close to (except in the most highly unusual circumstances). The person being left has to suppress vindictive flashes of resentment and be motivated by a steady wish for the other person's ultimate good. Without accepting the idea that she deserved to be left, the person being left has to act in a way worthy of her best nature, to continue the sacrificial love that the leaver may not deserve and may never learn about.

That means not calling when you are not wanted. Not pleading for more intimacy or doing the other embarrassing things that wine, late nights and instant communications make possible.

Maybe that will mean the permanent end to what once was, in which case at least the one left behind has lost with grace. But maybe it will mean rebirth.

For example, to be around college students these days is to observe how many parents have failed to successfully start their child's transition into adulthood. The mistakes usually begin early in adolescence. The parents don't create a space where the child can establish independence. They don't create a context in which the child can be honest about what's actually happening in his life. The child is forced to deceive in order to both lead a semi-independent life and also maintain parental love.

By college, both sides are to be pitied. By hanging on too tight, the parents have created exactly the separation they sought to avoid. The student, meanwhile, does not know if he is worthy of being treated as a dignified adult because his parents haven't treated him that way. They are heading for a life of miscommunication.

But if the parents lay down sacrificially, accept the relationship their child defines, then it can reboot on an adult-to-adult basis. The hiddenness and deception is no longer necessary. Texts and emails can flow, not as before, but fluidly and sweetly.

Communications technology encourages us to express whatever is on our minds in that instant. It makes self-restraint harder. But sometimes healthy relationships require self-restraint and self-quieting, deference and respect (at the exact moments when those things are hardest to muster). So today a new kind of heroism is required. Feelings are hurt and angry words are at the ready. But they are held back. You can't know the future, but at least you can walk into it as your best and highest self. □



Wal-Mart's Visible Hand on America



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In February, Wal-Mart, America's largest employer, announced that it will raise wages for half a million workers. For many of those workers the gains will be small, but the announcement is nonetheless a very big deal, for two reasons. First, there will be spillovers: Wal-Mart is so big that its action will probably lead to raises for millions of workers employed by other companies. Second, and arguably far more important, is what Wal-Mart's move tells us - namely, that low wages are a political choice, and we can and should choose differently.

Some background: Conservatives - with the backing, I have to admit, of many economists - normally argue that the market for labor is like the market for anything else. The law of supply and demand, they say, determines the level of wages, and the invisible hand of the market will punish anyone who tries to defy this law.

Specifically, this view implies that any attempt to push up wages will either fail or have bad consequences. Setting a minimum wage, it's claimed, will reduce employment and create a labor surplus, the same way attempts to put floors under the prices of agricultural commodities used to lead to butter mountains, wine lakes and so on.

Pressuring employers to pay more, or encouraging workers to organize into unions, will have the same effect.

But labor economists have long questioned this view. Soylent Green - I mean, the labor force - is people. And because workers are people, wages are not, in fact, like the price of butter, and how much workers are paid depends as much on social forces and political power as it does on simple supply and demand.

What's the evidence? First, there is what actually happens when minimum wages are increased. Many states set minimum wages above the federal level, and we can look at what happens when a state raises its minimum while neighboring states do not. Does the wage-hiking state lose a large number of jobs? No - the overwhelming conclusion from studying these natural experiments is that moderate increases in the minimum wage have little or no negative effect on employment.

Then there's history. It turns out that the middle-class society we used to have didn't evolve as a result of impersonal market forces - it was created by political action, and in a brief period of time. America was still a very unequal society in 1940, but by 1950 it had been transformed by a dramatic reduction in income disparities, which the economists Claudia Goldin and Robert Margo labeled the Great Compression. How did that happen?

Part of the answer is direct government intervention, especially during World War II, when government wage-setting authority was used to narrow gaps between the best paid and the worst paid. Part of it, surely, was a sharp increase in unionization. Part of it was the full-employment economy of the war years, which created very strong demand for workers and empowered them to seek higher pay.

The important thing, however, is that the Great Compression didn't go away as soon as the war was over. Instead, full employment and pro-worker politics changed pay norms, and a

strong middle class endured for more than a generation. Oh, and the decades after the war were also marked by unprecedented economic growth.

Which brings me back to Wal-Mart.

The retailer's wage hike seems to reflect the same forces that led to the Great Compression, albeit in a much weaker form. Wal-Mart is under political pressure over wages so low that a substantial number of employees are on food stamps and Medicaid. Meanwhile, workers are gaining clout thanks to an improving labor market, reflected in increasing willingness to quit bad jobs.

What's interesting, however, is that these pressures don't seem all that severe, at least so far - yet Wal-Mart is ready to raise wages anyway.

And its justification for the move echoes what critics of its low-wage policy have been saying for years: Paying workers better will lead to reduced turnover, better morale and higher productivity.

What this means, in turn, is that engineering a significant pay raise for tens of millions of Americans would almost surely be much easier than conventional wisdom suggests.

Raise minimum wages by a substantial amount; make it easier for workers to organize, increasing their bargaining power; direct monetary and fiscal policy toward full employment, as opposed to keeping the economy depressed out of fear that we'll suddenly turn into Weimar Germany. It's not a hard list to implement - and if we did these things we could make major strides back toward the kind of society most of us want to live in.

The point is that extreme inequality and the falling fortunes of America's workers are a choice, not a destiny imposed by the gods of the market. And we can change that choice if we want to. □



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